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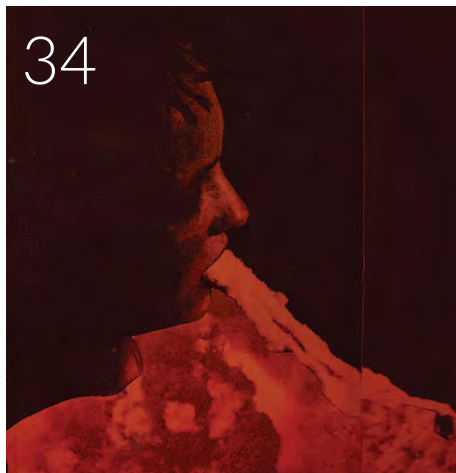
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FAREWELL FROM SUE FARROW



WE ALL face difficult choices in life – challenging times when one priority must be weighed against another and a period of soul searching ensues. In recent times I have been in just that position,

weighing a very personal commitment against the demands of a job I have loved. Ultimately, there was really no contest, but inevitably I feel sad to be leaving.

However, news that author, journalist and paranormal researcher Roy Stemman

has been appointed to succeed me has done much to offset my sadness. Roy has a connection to *Psychic News* going back to the 1960s, when he served as assistant editor to its founder, Maurice Barbanell. He brings immense knowledge and experience to the role and, supported by PN's talented team, will now lead Spiritualism's most iconic publication into its next exciting chapter.

Thank you for your wonderful support over the years. It's been a joy and a privilege to serve as your editor and I wish you every possible blessing as, like me, you continue along your ever-changing and developing spiritual pathway.

FROM THE EDITOR



HAVING had a journalistic connection with *Psychic News* for more years than I care to remember, the invitation to take over as its editor is a dream come true.

Sue Farrow was the driving force behind the publication's rebirth, following its brief disappearance as a newspaper. Together with Paul Brett and a small but dedicated team, she has established *Psychic News* as a magazine that has grown in size and stature since its rebirth. It has been a mammoth task and I am full of

admiration for what they have achieved.

I'm looking forward to following in Sue's footsteps, alongside managing director Paul Brett, with the intention of producing an entertaining magazine that promotes understanding of spiritual values, questions outmoded concepts, broadens outlooks and, above all, provides evidence of our spiritual nature and the survival of consciousness beyond death.

It will be an exciting challenge and I look forward to having you with me on the journey.

ROY STEMMAN

Psychic News: the voice of Spiritualism

Two of Spiritualism's leading exponents helped create and launch *Psychic News* in 1932. Hannen Swaffer, one of the UK's most famous journalists, and Maurice Barbanell, a businessman who was also a trance medium, recognised the need for a publication that would satisfy the public's desire for up-to-date and independent information about Spiritualism and mediumship.

They regularly addressed audiences of thousands in theatres around the country as families came to terms with the loss of loved ones who had died in World War 1 and the devastating Spanish flu pandemic of 1918. Barbanell was its first editor and Swaffer became a regular contributor.

Today, eight decades later, *Psychic News* continues to be the independent voice of Spiritualism in a very different world. What has not changed is the desire to have an answer to The Big Question: What happens after death? *Psychic News* makes a unique contribution to that debate every month with news, features and opinion pieces that explore the evidence for an afterlife and spirit communication.

Above all, Spiritualism and *Psychic News* are life-affirming, so our features also explore ways in which readers can enrich their lives spiritually and make the right choices. Why not let us be your travelling companion, offering words of wisdom and support, as you continue on your soul's journey through this lifetime?



Photo: Reza Akram



“In an exchange with the then health secretary, Alan Johnson, the Prince of Wales called for a pilot of alternative NHS medicines in England”

‘Secret’ royal memos call for homeopathy funding

PRINCE CHARLES has lobbied government ministers to change public spending plans in favour of expenditure on complementary and homeopathic medicine.

Although the future King of England is well known for his “alternative” views on health and well-being, the extent of his lobbying has been revealed with the publication of 17 memos by the *Guardian* newspaper.

It obtained the so-called “black spider” memos (an allusion to the Prince’s handwriting) after a 10-year freedom of information battle. These showed that the Prince had called for the National Health Service (NHS) to reverse its decision to cut spending on homeopathy and to conduct a trial of complementary medicines in the United Kingdom.

In an exchange with the then health secretary, Alan Johnson, the Prince of Wales called for a pilot of alternative NHS medicines in England. Johnson’s reply was that he and his officials had had a meeting to discuss the matter, adding, “I have asked for an update on this work in the new year.”

In addition to complementary medicine, the memos covered a wide range of topics, sparking fresh claims that the heir to the throne was breaking his constitutional role and “interfering in the political process by demanding changes in government policy”.

Clarence House defended the Prince against complaints that the memos represented unreasonable meddling.

Despite its regal title, the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) does not share the Prince’s enthusiasm for homeopathy. It has asked pharmacists to remove all homeopathic products from their shelves.

Doctors have been warned not to prescribe them, as the statement says there is no evidence that they are in any way effective, and have no health benefits other than as a placebo. It was feared

that people choosing homeopathy may be putting their lives at risk if they reject or delay treatment.

RACGP president Dr Frank Jones said the lack of evidence about any benefits from homeopathy must prompt doctors and pharmacists to turn their backs on it. But the Pharmacy Guild of Australia says it is up to individual pharmacists to decide if they will stop selling homeopathic remedies branded useless by the doctors.

Pharmacists are instructed to ensure that customers have access to objective, informed advice about complementary medicines.

WHAT’S YOUR VIEW? Who is right and who is wrong: Prince Charles or the Australian College? Tell us what you think, either with a “black spider” memo, or email if you prefer (pneditorials@gmail.com).



The haunting of Kerry Katona

WHEN Kerry Katona's husband, George Kay, was taken to hospital recently after what was feared to be a stroke, the English singer, actress and mother of five called in the ghostbusters.

It was the last straw in a series of events which, she believes, confirms the presence of sinister spirits in her life, giving out negative energy. An original member of the girl group Atomic Kitten, she rejoined them in 2012 and a new album and tour have been promised this year.

Kerry's third husband, a personal trainer, woke up with the right side of his face paralysed, and was rushed to Wycombe Hospital, Oxfordshire.

Speaking to *The Sun*, Kerry said, "I know it sounds crazy, but I'm convinced it was the ghosts that did this. The negative energy has been following me all my life. I have a goal, then something bad always happens."

Fortunately, George's problem proved not to be a stroke, but was the result of Bell's palsy, a paralysis of the facial nerve. There is a one-in-four chance that his face will not recover.

George shares Kerry's belief that demons have taken over their country house and so a team of seven professional exorcists was summoned. During the five-hour ritual they sprinkled holy water and salt while reading aloud from the Bible.

Strange voices were heard, and when ghostbuster Russ Hodgson asked who the spirit was following, it boomed, "Kerry!" Later it screamed, "George! Watch! Face!"

Kerry, who was in tears, said, "I don't know whether I'm crying because I'm scared. I can feel it really strongly."

She believes she has been haunted for ten years, but has always had flickering lights wherever she has lived. "Even when I go to friends' houses it follows me. Mediums have always told me it's someone trying to get in touch with me. Now it has passed to George."

Her husband said that during their Barbados honeymoon last year, the lights kept dimming in their hotel room, then returning to normal. "We knew something bad was going to happen," he said. "A bolt of lightning came between us and burnt a hole in my arm. The burn was so bad I ended up in hospital."

The youngest child, 14-month-old Dylan-Jorge, chats away to some invisible being when nobody else is in the room, even though he cannot yet talk.

So the list of strange incidents continues. Paranormal expert Russ Hodgson, who led the investigation and clearing ceremony, has been ghostbusting for more than 26 years. He says Kerry's house is one of the most haunted homes he has ever visited.

"I've been in a lot of houses and not a lot surprises me, but this was something else! The spirit came through loud and clear. All that negative energy can make you argue, make you ill. It can totally drag you down. I wouldn't rule out that a ghost caused George's face problem. I'm pleased we got rid of it. Who knows what it's capable of doing?

"I've been scratched down the back, and seen a camera and a tripod lift up and be thrown across the room."

"We fight more than normal couples should," said Kerry. "The amount of trouble we've been through as a couple, most people don't go through in a lifetime."

After Russ's Bible readings, and the windows having been sprayed with holy water, it is hoped the demons have been cast out of the house. Has the exorcism ended Kerry and George's run of bad luck?

Only time will tell.



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Chelmsford Mind Body Spirit Festival 2015

From left: Veronica Reed – Manager of Marconi Social Club

Paul King – Abbot of the resident European Buddhist Hamni Association

Chris Cozens – Chelmsford MBS Festival event organiser & Life Arts founder

Kate Alden – Fund raising manager of Helen Rollason Cancer Charity

Raising funds for those in need

BRITISH Spiritualists in different parts of the country have been busy raising funds for charities – with children and animals as the main beneficiaries.

Having raised £250 for Children in Need and £500 for its local foodbank in 2014, Borehamwood Spiritual Centre in Hertfordshire has already contributed £250 to Comic Relief.

Its latest project is Funky Friendz, a campaign initiated by the *Borehamwood Times* to raise £4,000 for a local youth club to cater for children aged 7-12 years. So far the Spiritualist centre has raised £500.

Gloria Pyne, who runs the centre (www.borehamwoodspiritualcentre.com), comments, “This is a brilliant idea because there’s not much for children in Borehamwood at all. I grew up there, and I thought I’d help them out.”

Meanwhile, mediums, tarot readers, healers and holistic therapists turned out in force in Warwickshire for a fun family day, hosted by a local group, Earth Spirit Crystals, helping to raise £600 for Nuneaton and Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary. Geoff Grewcock, the sanctuary’s owner, brought some of its residents to the event and

spoke about its community work, looking after injured or vulnerable animals.

Local shop owner Hannah Cowley, speaking on behalf of Earth Spirit Crystals (www.earthspiritcrystals.co.uk), explained before the fun day opened, “We have already raised over £1,000 for the sanctuary, but are continuing to raise as much as we can at various events, including our Mind Body Spirit Fair that we hold on the first Saturday of each month.”

Anyone who has sat beside a hospital bed for hours while trying to snatch some sleep knows it is not a comfortable experience.

Which is why Kent Spiritualists are supporting the *Isle of Thanet Gazette*’s campaign, launched in March, to raise money for chairbeds for the children’s Rainbow Ward at Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital (QEQM) in Margate.

The provision of chairbeds in Rainbow Ward means that parents can stay overnight next to their sick child.

Spiritualist Pauline Chittendon has already raised £1,000 for the cause, from psychic readings

and donations. She wants a chairbed to be named after her son, Paul Hollett, who died in 2002 while driving through the Dartford Tunnel.

On Saturday, June 27, an evening of trance and clairvoyance was held at Canterbury Christian Spiritualist Church, which kindly made the premises available for the event without charge. The medium was Elaine Thorpe, and £250 was raised for the appeal.

Further events are planned for August and September. If you would like to donate to Rainbow Ward, visit the Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/RainbowWard/

In Essex, the 2nd Chelmsford Mind Body Spirit Festival raised £2,108 for the Helen Rollason Cancer Charity, which supports people living with cancer.

Organiser Chris Cozens of “Life Arts” holistic events and courses had packed the venue – Marconi Social Club – with 70 stands, 24 wide-ranging workshops and many stage performances.

Among the attractions were a free meditation room and Buddhist healing space, which over 300 visitors enjoyed. It was supervised by Abbot Paul King and students of the European Buddhist Hanmi Association, which is based within the venue.

The 3rd Chelmsford Mind Body Spirit Festival is now being planned for 11-12 June 2016.



Gloria Pyne



Healer's spirit guide issues challenge

The spirit guide of trance healer Ray Brown made an unexpected contribution to an interview he was giving to a local newspaper. The spirit intervention, in the form of a challenge, came while the 70-year-old medium was talking to a *Scarborough News* reporter about claims made on his website.

The Advertising Standards Agency (ASA) says he is indulging in "misleading advertising." But Brown insists he is being persecuted. The ASA website states:

"The Committee of Advertising Practice (CAP) Compliance team has contacted Raymond Brown on several occasions about his claims to treat a wide range of health conditions.

"ASA and CAP say they have not yet seen 'robust evidence' that Ray Brown is suitably qualified to treat the more serious of the listed conditions, such as infertility, endometriosis and heart conditions, or that he holds robust evidence to prove that he can treat the less serious conditions, e.g. joint pain."

Last year, after a *Daily Mail* article claimed he was treating cancer patients, Trading Standards launched an investigation.

Ray Brown denies he treated cancer patients. "I have always said that if you have cancer you should go down the medical

route," he says. "I'm waiting to hear if I have throat cancer at the moment and I am going medical. If I could cure cancer why wouldn't I just cure myself?"

He did, however, admit to using healing to shrink cancer tumours, but he tells patients it is not a cure, and he doesn't charge them. His normal fee for treatment is £35.

An ordained minister of The International Church of St Paul at Harmony Church in nearby Burniston, North Yorkshire, Brown describes himself as a spiritual surgeon who heals people when his body is taken over by the 2,000-year-old spirit of Paul of Tarsus.

"Paul was blinded on the road to Damascus after having a vision of Jesus Christ," Ray told *Scarborough News*. "It is Paul who heals the patients. Why should I stop this, or say I don't cure them when I do? We have the testimonials to prove it.

"Trading Standards investigated us last year. They read the testimonials and passed us."



Ray Brown, seen here with his wife Gillian, was named Best Known UK Healer in a prestigious award ceremony in October 2007

He made some suggested changes to his website relating to descriptions of aromatherapy creams which he produces for his patients.

"It's disgusting that at my age I have to defend myself like this. It's an insult. I'm being persecuted," he told the journalists.

At this point in the interview Ray was apparently possessed by his spirit guide, Paul of Tarsus, who said, "I work through this man, Ray Brown, and have done for many years. I have never gone against the medical in any way. That is why, as Paul, I am very respected in all circles of the medical profession. I want to serve God, the people, and help those I can.

"I did not want to speak to you today, as Raymond is a very private person, and suddenly we have two people at the door who want to put down Raymond's work. They are not putting down Raymond's work; they are putting down my work. What I am saying to them is. 'Prove to me I have not done it'"

Ray Brown and his wife Gillian moved to Scarborough last year, but the church has been under Paul's care for some years.



Passing of Kremlin's 'female Rasputin'

MOSCOW healer and astrologer Dzhuna, who had close ties to the Kremlin, died in June at the age of 65.

She was said to have treated Leonid Brezhnev, who was President of the Soviet Union from 1964 until his death in 1982, and was called to his deathbed but could not save him. She achieved great fame in the years after the break-up of the USSR, when psychics and astrologers enjoyed a wave of popularity, and counted several celebrities among her clients.

"Some called her a charlatan, some called her a saviour," said the state RIA Novosti news agency.

Dzhuna, whose real name was Yevgenia Davitashvili, was "the secret healer of the Kremlin in the 1980s, a female version of Rasputin," top pop producer and rock musician Igor Matviyenko told AFP, adding that he was married to her for a month in the 1980s.

Born in the southern Russian region of Krasnodar to an Iranian father and Cossack mother, Dzhuna came from a small ethnic group of Assyrian Christians and played

up her striking dark-haired looks, calling herself "the Assyrian princess".

She trained as a nurse, later using hand movements to heal patients. After moving to Moscow she worked at a state planning institution until she began healing celebrities.

As well as Brezhnev her patients included top diplomat Eduard Shevardnadze and singer Vladimir Vysotsky. She never divulged what went on during the consultations.

"Kremlin limos used to drive up to her Moscow apartment, which became a kind of fashionable salon where Kremlin leaders and artists rubbed shoulders," said her former husband, who was 11 years her junior.

"Almost all the Politburo came to our wedding," Matviyenko added. He claimed she once healed him with one finger when he had a football knee injury.



Dzhuna with Boris Yeltsin, first President of Russia (1991-1999)

The healer also wrote poetry and painted, founding an institution called the International Academy of Alternative Sciences.

After her son died in a car accident in 2001, she became reclusive and rarely appeared in public. She reportedly died after slipping into a coma following circulation problems.



Neighbour fined for obsessive campaign

A GLASTONBURY woman kept up a campaign of harassment against her Spiritualist neighbour for 10 months, accusing her of being a witch who was putting curses on her.

Hilary Joy Osborne had taken an obsessive dislike to neighbour Lynda Brown, who was also a Druid, a follower of Buddhist traditions and taught pagan drumming. She was constantly abusive, screaming, banging on her walls at all hours of the night, and threatening to burn her house down. On one occasion she threw a golf ball at her.

Police warnings were issued to Osborne but these were ignored, and the case was brought before Somerset Magistrates Court after Osborne had failed to turn up for a court hearing at Yeovil.

In a victim impact statement read to the

court, Miss Brown said the defendant's actions had left her life "a living hell". She had made her house more secure after Osborne threatened to burn it down.

"I don't feel safe in my own home, and try to be out as much as I can. I have also received threats to kill me," she wrote. "I have disturbed sleep and am on medication to calm me. When I get home late at night I have to text my friends to reassure them I am safe.

"I cannot leave my windows open. It is almost intolerable and it has seriously impacted on my ability to work, as she has

also sought to discredit me with colleagues and potential employers."

Osborne, 45, pleaded not guilty that between November 19, 2013 and September 15, 2014, she pursued a course of conduct amounting to the harassment of Lynda Brown, in that on 17 separate occasions she verbally abused her and caused her great distress.

Defending solicitor Ray Peters said the allegations against Osborne were investigated for some time before a charge was laid, and a mental health report revealed she was suffering from a psychiatric illness which remained untreated.

The magistrates imposed a two-year conditional discharge on Osborne and made her subject to a two-year restraining order during which she must not contact Lynda Brown directly or indirectly.

Costs of £200 and a £15 victim surcharge were also imposed.





Council president Brendan Weiner

Unforeseen ban is lifted

TO CELEBRATE its 150th Anniversary, Manchester Township's council (New Jersey, USA) has agreed to suspend its law prohibiting fortune telling on public lands. The ban appears to be unique among neighbouring municipalities. Searches revealed no equivalent in Brick, Toms River or Jackson.

Ordinance 288, Section 18C, "Commercial Uses", bans the telling of fortunes, games of chance, or the use of any gambling device within Township parks or public lands, except as provided by special permission of the Mayor or his designees.

"It's one of those crazy ordinances going back we don't know how long," said council president Brendan Weiner. "As we plan on having a psychic at the anniversary celebration we didn't want to break the law.

"Something must have happened years ago. There was an issue, and this is the way they addressed it."

So the history of the ordinance remains a mystery. Ask a psychic maybe?



Nocturnal 'demon' beats wife as she sleeps

A HUSBAND has paid a ghostbuster £100 to clear the family home of three demons that were said to be attacking his wife during the night.

Keiron Fry, 32, unemployed, and his wife Tracey, 46, a full-time carer, of New Tredegar, South Wales, believe their ghost trouble started after their stepson used a ouija board at Halloween.

Since then, reports the *Daily Mail*, Tracey has been attacked while she sleeps, waking up in agony and covered in bruises. Her husband insists he is not the culprit.

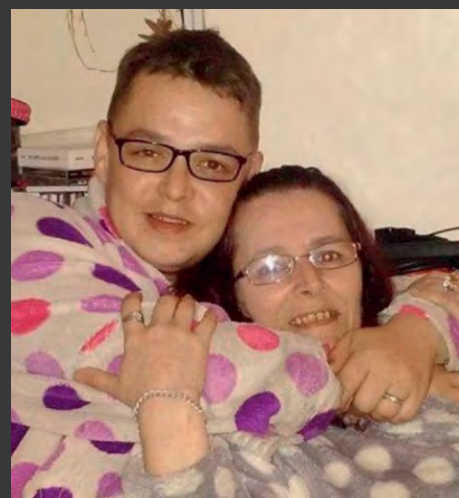
"I wake up next day and say, 'I didn't do that.' I would never beat my wife."

They say the demons are also menacing their children, telling them they will "slit their parents' throats."

Despite a blessing of the house by a vicar, the demons remain, and even the family cats are said to be too scared to go upstairs.

Robert Amour, a paranormal investigator with 20 years' experience, was also called in. The newspaper said he arrived with a Bible, crucifix and rosary for protection, although unconnected to any religion.

He immediately sensed the negative energy and believes the incubus



Keiron and Tracey Fry

Photo: Facebook

(a nocturnal demon) was attracted via a ouija board.

"They are an absolute danger and can bring through anything," he said. "This particular demon was reluctant to go. I can normally see the demon straight away. I then focus on it and move it on to a heavenly state.

"It takes some time for things to calm down, as you have to allow negative energy to return to positive energy."

A photograph Keiron took of the ghost in the boys' bedroom shows, he

says, a small child with a blue face and a tail, wearing a white gown. Without that caption, however, readers may have mistaken the "demon" for a bundle of clothes on the floor.

Robert Amour
Photo: Facebook

THAILAND Psychic's mixed messages

FARMERS in Thailand can plant their crops with confidence after the military junta sought help from a psychic about a bad drought he had predicted.

Soraji "Chui" Nual-yu, known as Thailand's Nostradamus, joined military government officials in a ritual held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, in which they besought Hindu goddesses to send rain.

"Brother Chui has the sixth sense," said Agricultural Permanent Secretary Chavalit Chookajorn. "He told me that there will certainly be a drought this year, so he wanted the Ministry to conduct a ceremony to ask for rain."

Although there is a drought every year, Soraji had warned it could be extra dry this year. He urged officials to hold the ceremony and invite him to attend, which they did.

There were mutterings from sceptics about "self-fulfilling, or self-promoting prophecies." But circumspect Chavalit said of the ceremony: "Personally, I think it's a good thing. It's not a superstition. It doesn't hurt if we do the ceremony. It's about finding something your spirit can hang on to."

In May, other officials were urging Soraji to stop inciting panic after he said a devastating earthquake was in the stars – "some time by June 12". It never materialised and, as far as we know, no ceremony was held to prevent it happening.



Sorajja "Chui" Nual-yu Photo: bighnun on Twitter



Indian author Deepta Roy Chakraverti follows Wicca tradition

Photo: Facebook

INDIA Wiccan writer's book causes upset

WRITER Deepta Roy Chakraverti has been described as a Wiccan by birth, a lawyer by training, and a psychic investigator by calling.

She is the daughter of the Wiccan head priestess of the Indian subcontinent, Ipsita Roy Chakraverti.

Deepta, who holds a degree in mathematics from the University of Delhi and a degree in Law from King's College, London, works with an oil and energy company in India, and is general secretary of The Wiccan Brigade.

Recently interviewed for the *New Indian Express*, she spoke about her book, *Bhangarh To Bedlam: Haunted Encounters*, as well as the Wiccan philosophy and living with her gift.

The book jacket displays this quote from her mother, who wrote the foreword: "Spirits have stories to tell. One must know how to listen."

"I started imbibing the Wiccan tradition from my mother, Ipsita, from the time I was a child," she told the newspaper. "It teaches one to live with strength, dignity, and a sense of oneness with something greater than ourselves."

"Pagans of old have identified it with elemental worship. Ipsita taught us to have an open mind, to understand the mystical and the scientific, and many sides of every phenomenon."

"This Wiccan perspective, which I have seen from childhood, shows science and mysticism have no quarrel. Ipsita's teaching has also spoken of how, like many ancient traditions of the world, physical death is not the end."

Asked if her ability to see the paranormal was demanding as well as isolating, she replied:

"I think it has become part of everyday life. It's not that I can 'see' at will. They 'appear' rather, at their will. Other worlds and other dimensions are very much a part of reality. How much we acknowledge, and how much we shy away from – that is the choice of an individual."

"I think a lot of people are in touch with the spirit world, but are afraid. However, more people are coming forward to talk about their experiences. Organisations like the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain (SAGB) are pathbreakers. We should also have such organisations in our country, instead of being weighed down by superstition and paranoia."

Not everything has been plain sailing for the multi-talented Deepta. In April it was announced that *Bhangarh to Bedlam: Haunted Encounters*, had been withdrawn by the publishers themselves.

It dealt with an investigation into unexplained occurrences, mysterious sightings and chains of events in 12 different sites in India and the UK which could have paranormal origins. One chapter focused on a popular shopping mall in Kolkata, where a number of accidents and suicides have taken place in recent times.

The vendors in the mall, no doubt concerned about the effect this might have on their trade, demanded that all references to the mall be eliminated. Her book had been withdrawn at the last minute, and the manuscript returned to her.

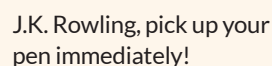
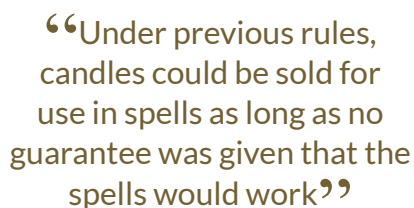
Undeterred, Deepta is already writing her next book.



ACCORDING to a headline on the *Daily Dot*,
“Witches are furious at Etsy for banning the sale of spells.”

Was this intended as a slur on the judgment of rival Etsy for allowing

One vendor was told to change the title of her listing from “Archangel Protection Spell Kit” to “Archangel Protection *Prayer* Kit.”



SPOTLIGHT ON PSYCHIC SCAMS

New York psychic accused of duping client out of \$713,000

A PSYCHIC, Priscilla Kelly Delmaro, is languishing in a New York jail after being charged with grand larceny, together with her partner Bobby Evans, both 27.

Their arrest followed a complaint by a 32-year-old Brooklyn man who claims he spent \$713,975 (£460,000) over a 20-month period from August 2013 in an attempt to fix a broken relationship.

The money was spent on a variety of items including \$30,000 on a Rolex watch to cleanse his sins, \$40,064 on a Tiffany & Co ring to protect his energy and \$90,000 on an 80-mile bridge which the fortune-teller said would enable her to trap evil spirits into another realm.

Eventually, the unnamed client became suspicious about discrepancies in what the psychic was telling him. He did some research that led him to private investigator Bob Nygaard, who specialises in psychic scams.

Nygaard recognised the name of Bobby Evans from a previous Florida investigation when helping police to prosecute Delmaro, who was using the alias of Cristina Alvarez. She is reported to have told her anonymous client that most of the money would be returned when her work was done.

Delmaro, who operated from premises on Times Square, New York, was arrested along with her partner on May 26. Both have been charged with second degree grand larceny, each being held on \$250,000 bail which they failed to post.

Delmaro, however, continues to insist she is a genuine psychic. A week after being imprisoned she was visited by a *New York Post* reporter but refused a sit-down interview.

Prison officers demanded that she did so or go back to the cell area. Ignoring the officers, Delmaro couldn't resist one last prediction.

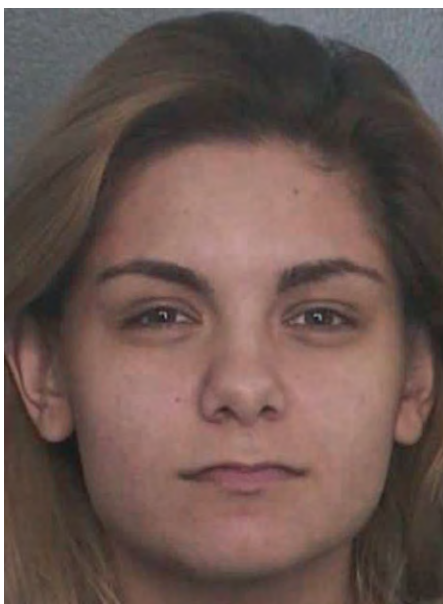
The reporter asked, "Who is going to win the Belmont Stakes today?" referring to a famous annual horse-racing event in New York.

"Who's in it?" she asked.

Having been told, she paused, stared blankly at the far wall and replied, "American Pharaoh. He'll win."

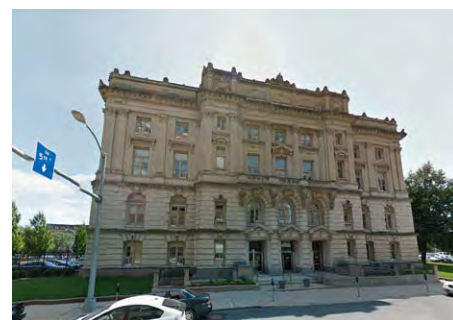
And he did – but then he was the favourite.

Delmaro said she would have to confer with her lawyer before conducting another reading for *The Post*.



Priscilla Delmaro Photo: Broward Sheriff's Office

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Polk County Courthouse

Photo: Google

Court orders refunds for fraudulent readings

A JUDGE in Polk County, Iowa, has ordered a Brooklyn man to repay \$13,740 (£8,855) to 78 elderly Iowans.

In addition, Joseph Meisels and his so-called International Astrology Foundation have to pay a \$20,000 fine.

They sent letters to elderly Iowans asking for money in return for help from psychics, who turned out to be frauds.

"These mailings were outrageous and outlandish in their deceptive claims," said Attorney General Tom Miller. "They purported to come from clairvoyants, and even extraterrestrials. Sadly, the letters found their way to the mailboxes of many elderly Iowans, cheating one 77-year-old woman out of more than \$1,500 alone."

The letters addressed the recipients as "Dear Personal Friends" and came from fictitious professors, bogus astrologers, and even from aliens sent to earth with the sole mission of preventing dire things happening to the recipients.

Pledges were made to help the recipients with money challenges, health issues and other problems. In addition to the financial penalties, Judge Douglas Staskal also required the group to stop sending their mailings.

A consumer lawsuit was filed on February 11, 2015.

Meisels' attorney, Aaron Twersky, argues that his client ran a legitimate business providing entertainment and leisure, "through fiction and obvious fantasy", for those who choose to subscribe to its mailings.

"None of the mailings are deceptive or misleading, and are no different than any cartoon or comic book."



'I see dead people'

says top-selling novelist Santa Montefiore

Roy Stemman meets the million-seller writer whose psychic story is stranger than fiction



THERE is nothing remotely spooky about Santa Montefiore. Tall, beautiful, charming and relaxed, she looks as if she belongs within the pages of one of her successful romantic novels.

Indeed, as she regales me with stories of her colourful life in the book-lined study of her elegant Kensington home, love and romance feature prominently.

But the 45-year-old novelist is just as eager to talk about another passion in her life which she regards as equally as important – perhaps more so – than her achievements as a writer whose books have sold over three million copies and which head straight for the Top Ten best-sellers list the moment they are published.

"I see dead people," she says matter-of-factly. "I have done so since I was young. Spirits were very much part of my experience as a child. At night, I would be aware of people or a person shuffling around the room or voices talking, and I'd be frightened.

"I would turn on the light and they would appear to have gone. As a child I thought they'd gone. They hadn't gone, obviously; I'd just slipped out of that awareness, so I no longer saw them. It's like when we see stars in the night sky. In daylight we can't see them, but they are still there."

In those early years, she explains, it was more of an awareness of spirit presence than actually seeing them.

Sceptics may dismiss this as childish imagination, but Santa takes scepticism in her stride. She has to because her husband, Simon Sebag Montefiore – journalist, historian and author whose award-winning books on Catherine the Great, Potemkin, Jerusalem and Stalin are world best-sellers and have been translated into 33 languages – is a sceptic.

"Sebag does believe in life after death," Santa adds. "And he's seen his father and his grandfather – glimpses. So it's not that he doesn't believe in spirits. What he doesn't believe in is angels – not that he doesn't believe they are there, he just doesn't believe that they are going to help me find a parking place or to look after us. I ask them all the time!"

It's worth mentioning that his cousin,

Bishop Hugh Montefiore, was a Jew who converted to Christianity having seen an apparition of Christ, who said, "Follow me". He subsequently took a keen interest in psychical research and wrote *The Paranormal: A Bishop Investigates*.

But we digress. When, I ask Santa, did her childhood psychic feelings develop into actually seeing spirits?

"I was in my 20s when I started developing my abilities. A friend, Simon Jacobs, who is very involved in such things, put me in touch with Susan Dabbs, who is a healer, clairvoyant and psychic. 'You've got to meet this woman,' he said. 'She's amazing'.

"I'd had recurring nightmares all through my childhood and I thought they were linked to a past-life experience. And I still do. So I went to see Sue Dabbs and she said, 'That's the hook that's brought you to me. But actually you're very psychic and I could develop you.'"

It was an offer that was too good to refuse.

Listening to Santa talk about her spiritual and psychic beliefs, it is clear that she has been open to such ideas for much of her life. Her father, Charles Palmer-Tomkinson, a well-connected English landowner and former Olympic skier, can take credit for that.

"He's a farmer and has no psychic abilities but he has always been very interested in the esoteric and is very well read on the subject. In my teens he gave me a book by Elizabeth Haich called *Initiation* and that's when I started talking to him about my experiences.

"He and I have always had this connection and I've actually had a fascinating past-life regression where I went into two lives where he and I were together. He was my husband in one life and my brother in another."

Santa's parents have been friends of the Prince of Wales since the 1970s and regularly took holidays with him, particularly to ski. Sadly, a vacation in 1988 at the fashionable Swiss resort of Klosters ended in disaster when the royal group got caught in an avalanche.

Prince Charles escaped injury and joined the others in a desperate attempt to save two of his close friends who were buried by the snow: Major Hugh Lindsay, who had served for a period as equerry to the Queen, and Patti Palmer-Tomkinson, Santa's mother. Lindsay died but Patti, who suffered severe leg injuries, was given the kiss-of-life and survived. It was a distressing time for the Palmer-Tomkinson family and the



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others caught up in the tragedy.

Referring to her past-life regression, which was conducted by Sue Dabbs, Santa makes this comment on her connection with her father:

"Sometimes I know how he's going to react to everything, and sometimes I almost feel I am him, it's so weird. When we're together I feel we are almost one. It's a very strange, deep feeling; we don't need to talk. I feel something very strongly with him.

"So after Sue regressed me, she said those two lives I saw had been chosen for me to show me I am right, my father *has* been with me through many lifetimes, and those are

two of them. And I can also see my father in both those men who featured in my past-life memories; there's a side to my sports mad father that I could see in both those very different men: the brother and the husband.

"In the first life I remembered I was a simple farmer's wife in the 1700s in Yorkshire. I was very contented with my lot, I was with my children on one of those steep Yorkshire roads and I remember seeing people getting out of a very fine carriage, in lovely dresses and finery, and I was looking at them in wonder, but not in envy. I wasn't thinking, I wish I was one of them. I was very content with my lot.

"In contrast, in the second regression, which was a hundred years later, around 1812, I was a Spanish woman. I was very birdlike and dour, wearing black and looking after my sick mother, and feeling quite resentful, whereas my brother was in a French uniform, very dashing – like a peacock with a partridge – and he was a reveller and a gambler and all that.

"What Sue and I couldn't understand when we discussed the regressions later was why, if I was in Spain in the second life, my brother was wearing French uniform.

"I never tell my husband anything about my psychic experiences because he's not into it, but for some reason I told him about the regression and the puzzle about the uniform.

"Being a historian, he had the answer. If it was 1812, he explained, Napoleon would be occupying Spain and my brother would have been in the Army and wearing French uniform. That was very interesting."

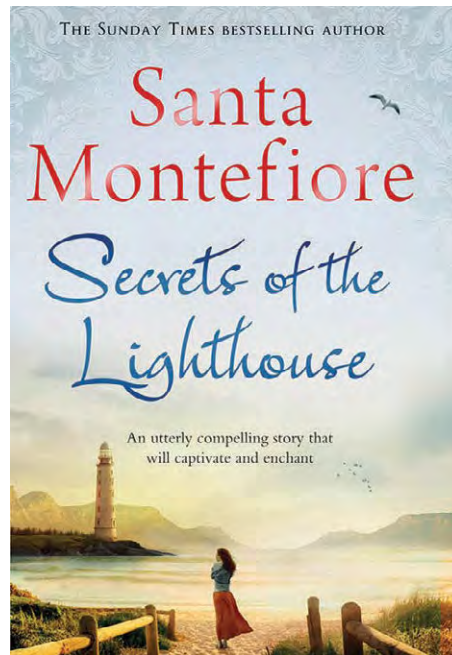
We move rapidly on to Santa's many other experiences, such as meditation, opening her chakras, psychometry, tarot reading (which she does for friends), dowsing, crystals (her large collection decorates every room, but particularly her study at the top of the house where she creates her novels), scrying (the next gift she hopes to develop) and astral travelling – mostly nocturnal flights around the garden or over the Thames. Whatever paranormal occurrence she participates in always feels quite natural to her – as if she has always been able to do it.

It doesn't take long before our conversation returns to seeing and communicating with spirits, which is hardly surprising since it is a recurrent theme in her best-sellers. The ability to occasionally see spirits started in her 20s after she began meditating and developing her abilities with Sue Dabbs.

"Now, because I'm much more finely tuned, I will see my grandmother – I absolutely see her like she's standing in front of me. That is such a gift to be able to see her. I've seen her about half a dozen times.

"Then I started seeing other spirits. I experienced a couple of people in my cottage, Edward and Arthur, who would appear to me, and were quite alarming because they were very real. It was like having a man standing in my room in the middle of the night. Sue actually came and moved them on and I was a bit sad in a way, because I rather liked seeing people."

Santa has also woken up in the night and seen a woman standing by her bed, a manifestation that excites her so much she



"It was very powerful – the strongest appearance in meditation I have ever experienced. And so, when I started writing the next book, *Secrets of the Lighthouse*, I dedicated it to the two friends who had returned to me from the spirit world. It's all about spirit, life after death and spirits coming back, and wanting to be around the people they loved"

sits up and says "Hello!" out loud to the spirit visitor who then just fades away.

"I write a lot about the spirit world in my books. And for now that's what I will concentrate on," she adds.

As an example, Santa recalls that she was in the middle of writing *The Summer House* and had just described two people who were looking at the grave of a father who had died, and one says, "You know, he's not in there."

"And at that moment I got an email to tell me that an old friend, Miguel Pardo, had

passed away. Strange!"

Santa explains that she lived in Argentina for a period when she was 19 and became a very close friend of a girl named Nathalie de Montalembert. They were the same age and had remained in touch and been good friends after Santa returned to England. Nathalie died in a canoeing accident a couple of years later.

Miguel was Nathalie's first cousin, and Santa and he had a short romance but also remained great friends. He developed a brain tumour and it was this that brought his life on earth to an end.

"Nathalie had never come through to me in all the meditations I did. But when I went into meditation the night I heard of Miguel's passing, Nathalie, Miguel and Miguel's father – who I had never met, because he died when Miguel was young – all appeared to me.

"His father was tall and dark and I got the name Michel very clearly, but I knew his name was Miguel because his son was named after him.

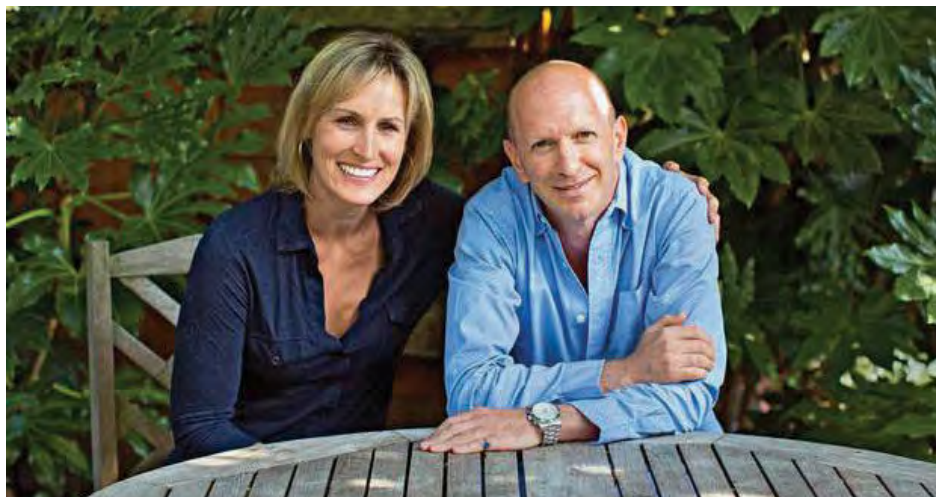
"Nathalie looked at me with this radiant smile expressing wonderful happiness and her hair blowing and she says, 'Santouche'. Suddenly I went, 'Oh my God, Nathalie used to call me Santouche – I'd totally forgotten – because her father's French. That was her name for me.

"Miguel looked bigger, he had more gravitas, more charisma. He was so much bigger in spirit than he had been in life. And the connection I had with him was much stronger in spirit. In life we had this romance for a year. He was a polo player and he was great fun, but he had girlfriends all over Buenos Aires. He was a real mischief but we always had a lot of fun together.

"But in spirit he was deep and there was a depth in him that he didn't have in life, which I found very interesting. He looked gorgeous, glossy, really handsome and blond – fabulous. And I felt a connection with him, as if I had known him for eons, which I hadn't felt in life.

"I said to Miguel – in my head – 'I want to tell your mother that I've seen you' and he roared with laughter and said, 'She already knows'. That's when I got the name Michel (pronounced *Meetchel*). So I stayed with them for as long as I could, just bathing in this fabulous presence of these three people, and when I came out of meditation it was quite late at night.

"Next morning I rang my godfather – it was he who had arranged my trip to Argentina and was great friends with the family – and



Santa Montefiore with her husband Simon Sebag Montefiore

I told him what I had seen and what Miguel had told me about his mother knowing. And he said, 'It's funny you should say that because Pia, his mother, rang me yesterday morning and said, "Miguel has passed on, but I'm really happy to know that he is in spirit now with Nathalie and his father".'

"So I think the three of them came for her, to let her know they were together. It was interesting that, although she had lost other people, the mother specifically spoke of the three I had seen."

As for Miguel's father's name being pronounced differently to his son's, the godfather denied it. "No, I always called him Miguel," he assured Santa.

"I said, 'Really? It was so strong.' So I got in touch with Eva, the aunt of Miguel and Nathalie, and asked her. She gave a very different response. 'Of course we called him Michel (pronouncing it *Meetchel*), everyone did – it's the Spanish version of the French Michel. It was his nickname'.

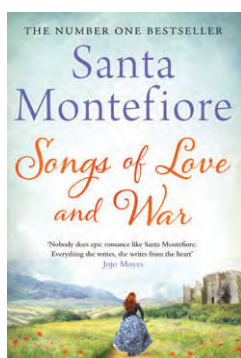
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The dedication reads:

**Dedicated to:
Miguel Pando and
Nathalie de Montalembert**

**Not gone, just out of sight,
and always in my heart**



Santa Montefiore's new book, *Songs of Love and War*, is published on August 19. It also has a strong spiritual element. It tells the story of an Irish castle and a curse placed on its original owner, Lord Deverill, by a woman on whose land the castle was built. The heroine and the grandmother are psychic.

It doubtless has all the makings of another best-seller, though its paranormal content is unlikely to equal that experienced by its fascinating author.

BOOK LED TO SPIRITUAL QUEST

IT WAS Elizabeth Haich's book *Initiation* (first published in English in 1965) that opened Santa Montefiore's eyes to spiritual dimensions. In it, Haich describes her early experiences of life in Hungary, as well as memories of a past life during which she was initiated as a priestess of Ra by her uncle, Ptahhotep, in ancient Egypt. The book also touches on a more recent claimed previous life in which she was a washer-woman, abandoned by her lover, who lost contact with her daughter and ended up as a street beggar. It was Santa's father who introduced her to the book.



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Sister Tara gets psychic's support

THE younger sister of Santa Montefiore, Tara Palmer-Tomkinson (above), with whom she has a close relationship, is never out of the headlines for long. And sometimes it's for the wrong reasons.

A familiar face on TV as a presenter, as well as starring in reality shows such as *I'm a Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!* (she was runner-up), she is invariably described as a socialite and "It girl" – a girl who has everything including that indefinable something that makes her special.

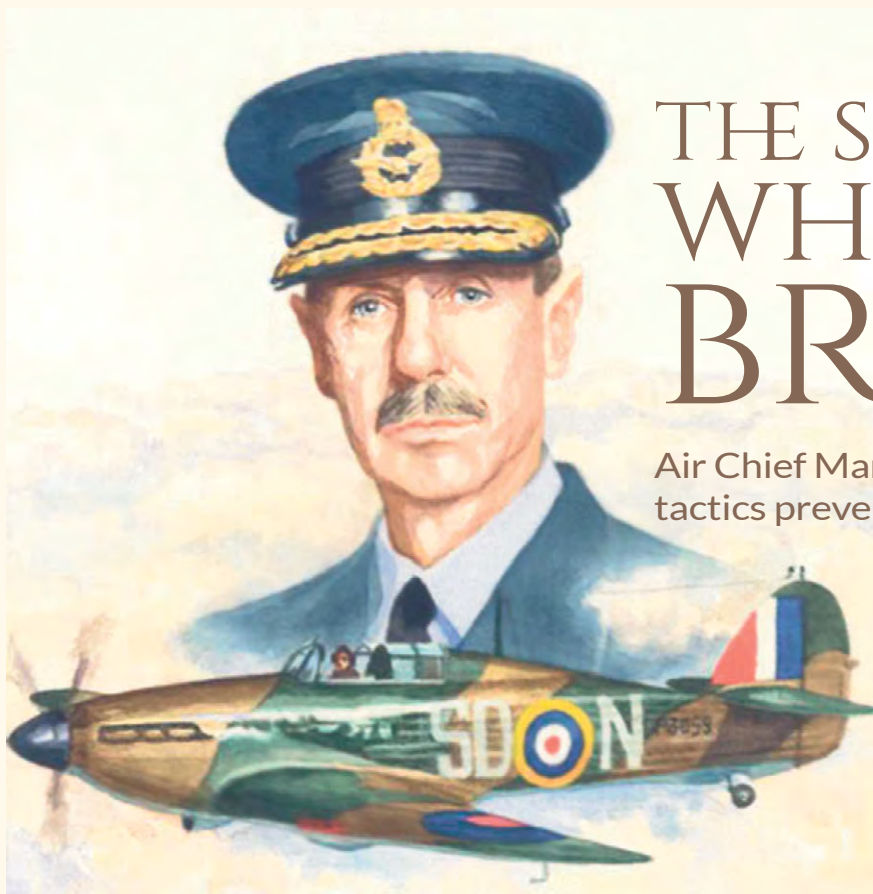
That image was tarnished when it was revealed in 2006 that she had become a cocaine addict. Rehabilitation enabled her to recover, but the damage done by snorting the drug was highly visible when her nasal septum, which separates the two nostrils, collapsed.

Corrective surgery has since restored her natural beauty and as well as TV appearances Tara now supports various charities, particularly those dealing with addiction.

According to a *Daily Mirror* story, published in August 2008, Sue Dabbs – the psychic and healer who has played such a major role in Santa's spiritual development – made an important contribution to Tara's recovery and was with her in the operating theatre.

Describing the healer as "a spiritual guru to the Palmer-Tomkinson family for years", it quoted Tara as saying, "She did so much healing on me while I was actually under the knife. She's incredibly powerful. I didn't have a single bruise afterwards. Martin Kelly [the surgeon] said he's never known anything like it."





THE SPIRITUALIST WHO SAVED BRITAIN

Air Chief Marshal Lord Dowding's brilliant tactics prevented Nazi invasion

Picture: Royal Mail

“Dowding, who was given a peerage in 1943 in recognition of his wartime services, became increasingly occupied with spiritual matters and with Spiritualism, in particular”

Photo: Bentley Priory Museum



EXACTLY three-quarters of a century after the Battle of Britain was fought in the skies over southern England, and 45 years after the death of the man who masterminded the operation that prevented a Nazi invasion of Britain, Air Chief Marshal Hugh Dowding and his team are back in action at Fighter Command's impressive secret command centre in Middlesex.

Well, not exactly. So that the heroic efforts of Lord Dowding and the young fighter pilots he commanded are not forgotten, a museum has been created at Bentley Priory as a permanent memorial to their successful endeavours.

To preserve it for posterity, the public are not allowed into the room from which Dowding ran the intense three-month campaign, furnished with his desk and the seats used by prime minister Winston Churchill and General Dwight D. Eisenhower when they visited.

Instead, it has been ingeniously used as a backdrop to a 20-minute audio-visual presentation about the Battle of Britain, with glimpses of an actor playing the role of Dowding and speaking the words he uttered or expressed in letters to Churchill and others, as he sought support for his strategy.

He argued that Britain should not lose

valuable fighter resources in the defence of France and that they should be retained to defend Britain. Not everyone agreed but eventually his tactics were proved right.

The Bentley Priory Museum at Stanmore, just north of London, which opened in 2013, is a brilliant and evocative reminder of a period in history that should never be forgotten. It also commemorates the national heroes whose bravery and determination in fighting an aggressive enemy were pivotal in ultimately achieving freedom from tyranny not only for the United Kingdom but also for civilisation.

The aim of Hitler's Luftwaffe – the German Air Force – was to destroy Royal Air Force (RAF) airfields and infrastructure, paving the way for an amphibious and airborne invasion of Britain. Dowding developed a system involving new technology – radar – and rapid communications through a set of reporting chains which monitored and

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King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, escorted by Air Chief Marshal Sir Hugh Dowding, Air Officer Commander-in-Chief of Fighter Command, visit the Headquarters of Fighter Command at Bentley Priory, near Stanmore, Middlesex, in September 1940. Photo: © IWM



Photo: Atlas AV

led to the interception of Luftwaffe flights. That achievement will be enshrined in three stained glass windows at Bentley Priory Museum, two of which are already in place, alongside other windows depicting the Spitfires and Hurricanes that played such a vital role.

It was the Battle of Britain's victory over Hitler's forces that led Winston Churchill to utter his memorable tribute: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few." The brave young pilots, mostly British but also from

many other countries, were referred to by Churchill as Dowding's "chicks" and eventually became known as "the Few".

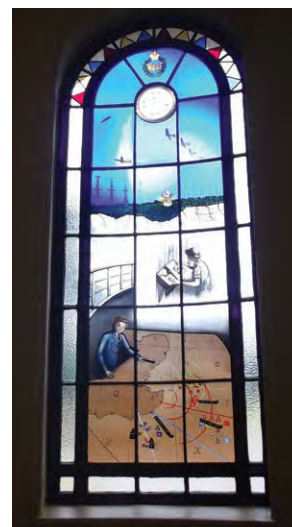
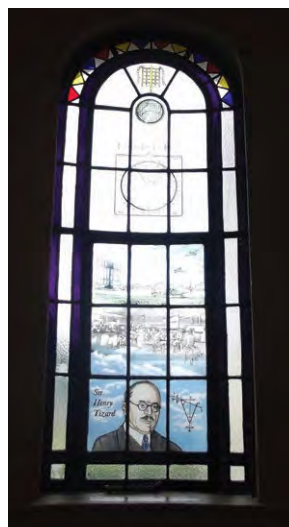
Dowding retired as Commander-in-Chief of RAF Fighter Command, unwillingly, on November 24, 1940, before the end of World War II, and the failure to reward his efforts by making him an Air Marshal was widely criticised.

In retirement he turned his mind to the fate of the airmen who had sacrificed their lives in the battle. Did they still exist in another dimension and, if so, could they

communicate with their loved ones?

It was a question many widows were also asking, among them Muriel Whiting whose husband, Max, had died during a bombing mission over Eastern Europe. She was hoping to enlist his help in finding out from the Air Ministry what had happened to him. Dowding sent a letter of condolence to all those who wrote to him, but in Mrs Whiting's case he extended an invitation to lunch to discuss Max's case.

When they met, she asked him why he had invited her to lunch. Dowding explained





Bentley Priory Museum

that shortly after receiving her letter he had visited a medium through whom Max had spoken. "I wish you would take my wife out to lunch," Max is reported to have said. "You will like her." And he did.

Dowding was a widower, his first wife having died two years after they married, following a short illness, leaving him with a young son. He and Mrs Whiting fell in love and married and she proved to be a great influence on his life, persuading him to give up game shooting and become a vegetarian.

Dowding, who was given a peerage in 1943 in recognition of his wartime services, became increasingly occupied with spiritual matters and with Spiritualism in particular. He recorded his quest for spiritual knowledge in a trilogy of books that had a huge impact on a grieving world: *Many Mansions*, *Lychgate* and *Dark Star* (all of them recently republished by White Crow Books). He also campaigned against animal cruelty and his wife, Lady Dowding, was a founder of Beauty Without Cruelty, the first company ever to launch a range of ethical cosmetics and one that still exists today.

Badly crippled by arthritis in his later years, Lord Dowding made his last public appearance in a wheelchair in September 1969 when he attended the royal premiere of the film *Battle of Britain*



in which he saw himself portrayed by Laurence Olivier.

When he passed away, less than four months later, he was described by *Psychic News* as "our most famous living Spiritualist". A private cremation service was held and his ashes were laid to rest in a memorial service at Westminster Abbey.

The casket holding his ashes was carried by a Battle of Britain pilot and a close friend of Dowding. Four wing commanders carried the Air Chief Marshal's insignia and the escort was formed of 16 surviving Battle of Britain pilots.

Lord Dowding's ashes were buried just beneath a hole pierced through the wall of



Lord and Lady Dowding with one of their beloved dogs

the abbey by a fragment of a German bomb towards the end of the battle and just a few feet away from those of Lord Trenchard, founder of the RAF.

"Opposite," *The Times* reported, "is the grave of Oliver Cromwell. All around are the graves and chapels of the Kings of England."

Among those invited to the 1970 memorial service was Hunter Mackintosh, president of the Spiritualist Association of Great Britain, and medium Ena Twigg, who said she saw Lord Dowding's spirit standing between two vases of roses at the altar during the service. He looked radiant, "full of life and vitality".





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HEAVENLY TOURISM

NEAR-DEATH experiences (NDEs) continue to be the flavour of the month as far as the media and Hollywood are concerned.

American neurosurgeon Eben Alexander's story about his journey into the afterlife, which he wrote about in *Proof of Heaven*, is still in the *New York Times*' best-seller list, in 12th position in the Religion and Spirituality category, almost three years after its sensational launch.

Sceptics who have poured cold water on his NDE account have failed to have any noticeable effect on his popularity as a speaker and he continues to be a regular guest on TV shows.

Universal Studios were reported to have paid a six-figure sum for the film rights to the book in 2013 but nothing more has been published about the proposed movie.

This media fascination with NDEs now has a name: "heavenly tourism".

Following fast in the footsteps of Alexander on the heavenly tourist trail is Christian pastor Don Piper. He was involved in a terrible car crash in 1989, which left his lifeless body lying in the road

for over an hour, covered by a tarpaulin.

Another pastor, who was passing the scene, prayed for Piper's soul and eventually detected movement and sound from beneath the cover. He was rushed to hospital and eventually made a full recovery.

"90 Minutes in Heaven" tells the story of his NDE memories of the period when he was presumed to have been dead. It will be released in cinemas in the USA on September 11.

AGAINST THE ODDS

NEWS of Ron Pollard's passing reaches me a little late – 14 years late, in fact. In 1991 he had a triple heart by-pass and was told he might expect to live 10 more years. So by living to the age of 89 (he died on June 10 this year) he has beaten the odds.

And that will have amused Ron no end, since much of his life was spent calculating the odds against things happening for his employer, Ladbrokes, the betting firm of which he eventually became PR director.

If punters wanted to bet on aliens landing on earth, Elvis Presley still being alive, the winner of Miss World or a prestigious book award it was Ron who had to calculate the odds. It was political betting – predicting who would win an election or be the next prime minister – that got the company the most publicity, and put it most at risk if Ron's calculations were wrong.

A Spiritualist from an early age, Ron became the face of Ladbrokes, appearing regularly on TV and in other media. And he wasn't reticent about the fact that the spirit world may have helped him in deciding the odds on the strangest bets.

His involvement in Spiritualism began in 1955 when, aged 29, he accompanied his mother-in-law to a department store in Croydon where she wanted to

consult medium Marjorie Wheble. Ron was sceptical but also agreed to see the medium, who held his comb in order to achieve a connection with him.

"Goodness gracious, I wish I was going to have your life. You are going to be in all the papers, everyone wants to know what you are saying, and you are going to Buckingham Palace to meet members of the Royal Family."

The medium also told him he had a Chinese spirit guide. His subsequent openness about his belief in Spiritualism led to him being guest speaker at the *Psychic News* dinner dance in 1984.

One of the events the public was keen to bet on in the 1960s was when man would land on the Moon. Ron put the odds at 100-1. That reminds me of a story told to me by



Ron Pollard

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Prof Archie Roy
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Society for Psychical Research

a good friend, Prof Archie Roy, Professor Emeritus of Astronomy at Glasgow University and also at one time president of the Society for Psychical Research.

In 1964, Archie went into a William Hill betting shop in Glasgow and placed a £20 bet on man landing on the moon by 1977. It paid off handsomely. He collected £1,200 in winnings when the first Apollo astronauts

set foot on the lunar surface in 1969, which paid the deposit on his first home.

MIRACLES AND MURDER

CALLING oneself a “qigong master” has been a sure way of achieving fame and fortune for certain individuals in China. Based on an ancient and reputable Chinese health care system, which promotes the flow of vital energy, its adepts claim to be able to use it to perform remarkable feats.

Some, however, have stooped to using conjuring tricks to boost their reputations. That’s an accusation that has been made against China’s most famous “qigong master”, Wang Lin, 63, who has been described as the richest man in Pingxiang, a city of 1.8 million inhabitants in western Jiangxi province.

Wang, who says he can materialise snakes from an empty bowl, has been pictured with celebrities, business tycoons and politicians over the years, including actor Jackie Chan, internet billionaire Jack Ma, and even former Hong Kong Chief Executive Donald Tsang.

One of Wang Lin’s main detractors was Zou Yong, a businessman and provincial legislator in Jiangxi who was a former student of Wang Lin until they fell out in 2012 following financial disputes. They

have since sued each other three times.

In an interview with the *South China Morning Post* in August 2013 Zou Yong, 46,



Wang Lin

Photo: You Tube

who ran a big fuel company, Jiangxi Tianyu Fuel Group, said he and Wang became close when the qigong master invited him to see what qigong could achieve. He now regarded those demonstrations as magic tricks.

Unfortunately, Zou Yong will not be giving any more interviews. His body, cut into pieces and dumped in a lake, was recovered by

police in July. Two men have since been arrested and are said to have confessed to having kidnapped and murdered the businessman.

Wang Lin has also been detained and is under suspicion for being involved with the murder. No charges have yet been brought against him.

WOMEN BEHEADED FOR ‘SORCERY’

IN MEDIEVAL times throughout Europe, and later in the United States, witches – meaning anyone thought to have supernatural powers which they were using to harm others – were put to death by hanging, burning or drowning.

The extent of these witch-hunts is reflected in the estimated number of those who perished in this fashion: an incredible 40-50,000. Most of them were women.

Times have moved on and today in the West you are more likely to see a benevolent witch on TV talking about his or her beliefs than being burnt at the stake. This is not the case in other parts of the world.

Though fortune-telling – referred to as ‘sorcery’ – is specifically outlawed in the Koran it remains popular in Islamic countries. But two Syrian women and their husbands have just paid the ultimate price for practising it, having been beheaded by ISIL jihadists.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the on-going conflict in that country, the two couples, from the cities of Mayadeen and Deir Ezzor, were accused of witchcraft.

It is believed to be the first time such punishment has been inflicted on women civilians in that region. It is, I suspect, too much to hope for that these will also be the last of such barbaric and medieval reprisals.

HOMEOPATHY: GOOD AND BAD THINKING

IT SEEMS, at times, as if Prince Charles is fighting a lone battle in his campaign for homeopathy and complementary health treatments to be given greater priority (see News, page 5), but I’m pleased to see that others are prepared to express similar views.

Critics argue that homeopathic medicines are no more effective than a placebo and therefore not only a waste of money for the National Health Service (NHS) but also that their use is “deceitful”.

That’s the view of a pro-science charity called the Good Thinking Society which has threatened Liverpool NHS with judicial review. The city’s clinical commissioning group is among 20 in the United Kingdom which have funded homeopathy for NHS treatments. It is now reviewing that spending.

So it is timely for the Queen’s physician, Dr Peter Fisher, to step into the debate since

he has no doubt that homeopathy can be beneficial.

Writing in the *British Medical Journal* (351, published 14 July, 2015), Dr Fisher, who is also clinical director and director of research at the Royal London Hospital for Integrated Medicine, insists that homeopathy is safe, popular with patients and reduced the need for antibiotics.

In a “Head To Head” feature with Edzard Ernst, emeritus professor, University of Exeter, Dr Fisher directs his opponent and other critics to several studies that showed integrating homeopathy with conventional medicines led to better patient outcomes

and the reduced use of potentially hazardous drugs.

Of all forms of complementary medicine homeopathy is the most misunderstood, he argues, adding, “Homeopathy is part of a family of toxicological and pharmacological phenomena that are attracting growing interest, characterised by secondary, reverse, or paradoxical reactions to drugs or toxins as a function of dose or time or both.”

The debate will continue, of course, and maybe in time the charity concerned will need to consider changing its name to the Bad Thinking Society.



HOLISTIC TAROT



Wendy Stokes reviews a new book that tells you everything you could possibly want to know about the tarot

Holistic Tarot – An Integrative Approach to Using Tarot for Personal Growth by Benebel Wen. Published by North Atlantic Books. Available from Amazon.

AS WELL AS being a licensed attorney specialising in venture capital and global investments, Benebel Wen is a qualified Tarot Master and a member of both the American Tarot Association and the Tarot Association of the British Isles.

She is also a Feng Shui consultant, I Ching practitioner, numerologist and an astrology enthusiast. As you would expect from such impressive credentials, this book is highly academic but also very practical.

I would describe it as a comprehensive textbook for those who wish to use tarot for professional purposes. The recommendations for this book come from the echelons of our greatest tarot experts, such as Kat Black, Liz Dean, Barbara Moore, Bonnie Cehovet and many more

who have written extensively on tarot, some even creating their own decks.

The book cover image is taken from *The Golden Tarot cards* by Kat Black, a very evocative and exciting deck. If you are thinking that *Holistic Tarot* is a literal tarot

“I would describe it is a comprehensive textbook for those who wish to use tarot for professional purposes”

card deck, you will be disappointed! There is no *Holistic Tarot* deck. The book is titled “holistic” because it encompasses so many aspects of tarot specialisation.

The provided black and white scans of the cards are traditional Rider-Waite-Smith, regarded as the world’s most popular tarot deck, so be prepared.

Differences between Tarot de Marseille, the Thoth and Rider-Waite-Smith are shown and the author provides some autobiographical explanation of her tarot journey.

Upright and reversed meanings are provided for major, minor and court cards and the author sets out the approach of the book and the history of card decks. Methods of choosing a “significator” card (one which represents the seeker) are supplied with information on how to read for others and yourself.

Shuffling, cutting, drawing and cleansing information is included with ideas on suitable settings. Invocations, philosophy, astrology, numerology, Kabbalah, elements and other correlations, exercises and meditations are provided; card counting and telling time, love and other major considerations are detailed; sample logs and templates supplied. Very useful sample readings are available to help the reader grasp the depth of a potential reading.

Information on everything you could possibly want to know about is covered, such as what to do if the reading is negative (no negative cards to be skipped and even positive cards, such as The Nine of Pentacles, can have a negative side and vica versa), and useful and inappropriate questions (never talk of death and don’t predict tragedy, such as divorce). Instead, phrase the reading in such a way as to give a warning instead.

Sometimes a seeker’s question might need to be rephrased and information is supplied about how to do this. Ethics



Benebell Wen

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are highlighted, especially to do no harm and ensure you, as the reader, are both competent and diligent and pursue your own professional development to the highest level. This includes never giving legal or medical advice.

A Golden Dawn Practice for Second Order Adepts called *Opening of the Key* is offered and there are many spreads suggested: one, two and three card readings and combinations along with Essential Keys, Fixed Term Analysis, Dyadic Cross, the Six Points, V Formation or Horseshoe, Seven Chakras, the Personality Tree, the Insight, the Celtic Cross, the Tree of Life,

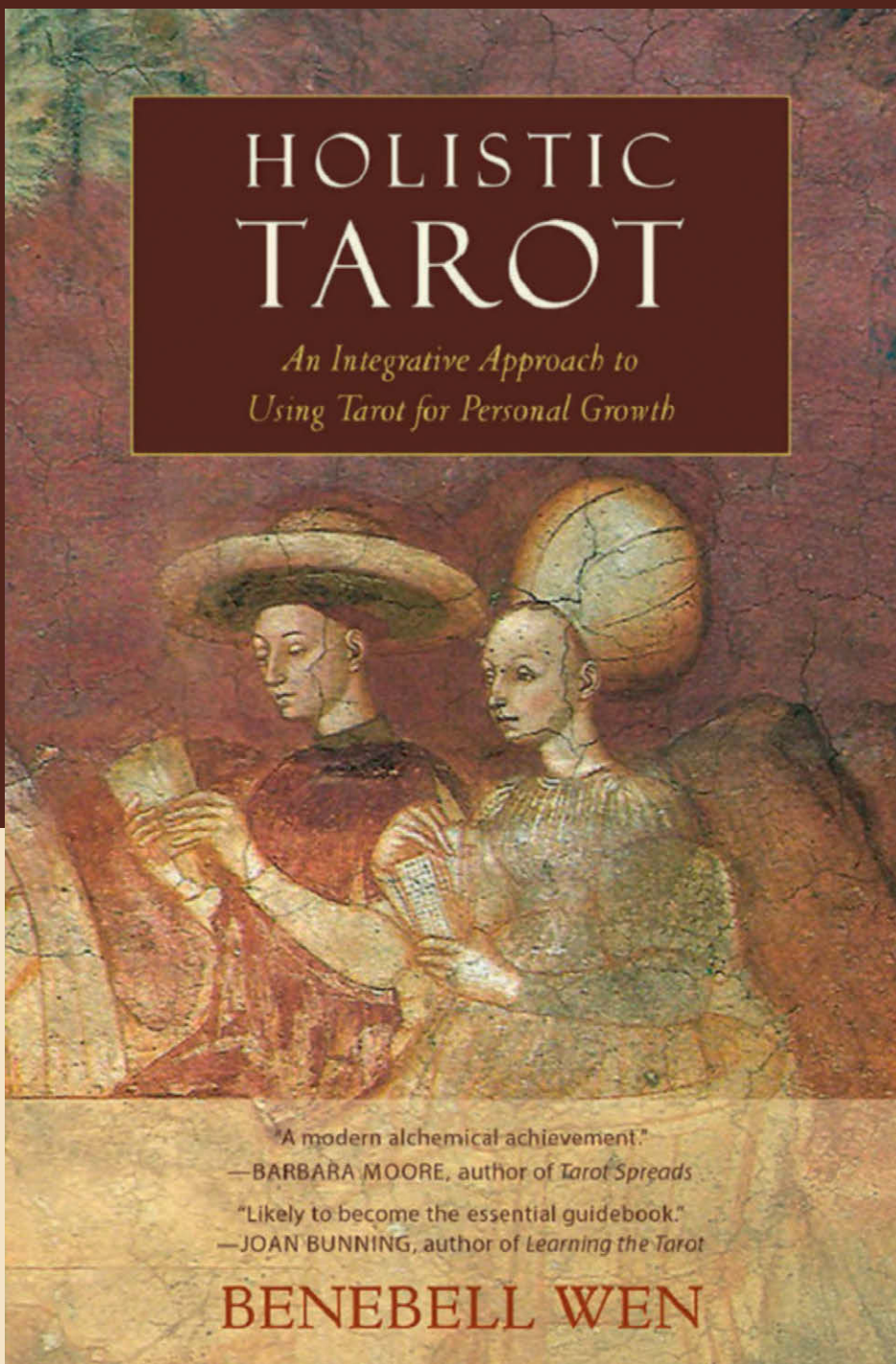
the Zodiac, 12 card Specific Question, the Lemniscate, the Six Faiths, Grand Profile Life Assessment, Chai 18-card, Grand Tableau, the Triquetra Outcome Management, Ba Gua, Eden Gray's, Three Aces Spread for Yes and No, Inquiries Two-Seeker Love and Relationship, the Rose, the Adjustment Card, the Shadow Card and the Essence Card – could you want more?

Lo Shu Squares, a seven-step analytical process, five components of Circumstance (from Feng Shui) are given for consideration because any successful outcome depends upon them (force

majeure, karma, disposition, education and action).

This is a full course on the tarot – a real tome! If you are keen to learn to read the tarot, Benebell Wen sets out a very thorough method to do this. It's the Benebell Wen school of tarot reading with a small 's', but her style is exceptional, and if you work through this book, learning all the way, it is likely you will become a brilliant tarot reader!

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MAKING CHOICES ABOUT LIFE AND DEATH

FROM A SPIRITUALIST VIEWPOINT

BY DAVID HOPKINS

YET AGAIN I begin an article at a time when the media is full of stories of horror caused by the inhumanity of those who claim to be acting in the name of religion and of what they claim is their “God”, whatever name is used. It isn’t a God that any of us would recognise, is it?

It is an image twisted by the desires of a comparatively small number of individuals (almost exclusively men); an image manufactured to give credence to their vindictive and doctrinaire desires to dominate non-believers and those who dare to stand up against their murderous intentions.

They do not in any way represent the religion to which they say they are attached, nor the millions of decent, truthful, right-minded people around the globe who follow that religion, a religion of peace and love. As ever, the “fanatic fringe” bring the reasonable majority into disrespect.

There is a saying that tells us that all that is required for evil to succeed is that good men and women do nothing. Hopefully, the stance taken by “good men and women” of all faiths and none will ultimately prevail. How long that takes and at what cost remains to be seen but it is incumbent on all of us to take every opportunity to condemn these vicious and barbaric killers.

I think I have stated my views often enough in *Psychic News*, so I won’t labour the point. I will just comment that we live in one world, a world that involves religion, politics, ethics, rights and responsibilities, and we can never and should never seek to compartmentalise existence, be that into “us and them” or “this world and the next”, nor in any other manner. The philosophy of Spiritualism applies to every aspect of our lives; we cannot pick and choose or “cherry-pick” that which suits us; it is a package.

As Spiritualists, I believe that we learn to respect others when and where that

respect is earned and can be justified. We aim to be tolerant of those from whom we differ; we also understand the importance and value of standing firm against injustice.

We will never be tolerant of intolerance, never accept levels of prejudice that diminish the value of some, never allow inequality to reign supreme and never let mankind’s inhumanity overcome its humanity!

Moving on to an issue I planned to write about. Recently there has been much discussion in the UK on personal choice in relation to death, particularly the right to choose to terminate this part of our existence at a moment appropriate to us individually.

For most of us, we can decide to “end it all” at almost any time – and some do make that decision. The overdose of pills, the injection, the jump or dive ... all lead to an untimely but chosen cessation of physical existence. For some, however, that personal choice does not exist. Suicide requires the ability to perform the act that leads to death; yet what if the mind is able to make that choice but the body unable to perform the necessary action?

This situation will not happen often but when it does is likely to affect those for whom the option of suicide is far more relevant than to the average person. It is the person who is undergoing great physical suffering, causing untold mental and emotional suffering, for self and those around, who may feel that an early death, at a time of their own choosing, is preferable to a seemingly-endless cycle of almost-unendurable agony. Yet it is the problems faced by such individuals that

prevent them finding the answer of their choice.

A way of overcoming this difficulty is to allow the individual to seek assistance in order that their specific decision can be implemented. An able-bodied person who does not need help can perform the action needed but a person of limited ability does not have that chance. Is not this discriminatory in relation to the less able? In what other circumstances would such discrimination be tolerated and even enshrined within our judicial system?

There is a well-supported movement to allow “assisted suicide” to be removed from the classification it now holds: that it is an offence to assist a person in committing suicide. We know that doctors will choose not to continue life-continuing or life-supporting processes in some situations; in other words allowing the body to stop working and thus the death certificate will show a natural cause.

This is different, in that the doctor does not make the *active* decision to terminate life, allowing the body of the patient to determine the outcome. If the doctor *did* make such a decision he would be liable to prosecution. Deliberately leaving pills or a syringe where the patient could use them would be classified as “assisting in a suicide” and could make the doctor, or other person, liable.

Many of us will have had pets over the years. For most, there comes a point when a visit to the veterinarian leads to the decision that, in the best interests of the animal, to prevent further pain and suffering and when there is no chance of improvement in the quality of life of that beloved friend, the animal is “put to sleep”, as we euphemistically describe it.

We make the choice to have our pet humanely killed to end its suffering.



Who would question that process, who would see it as morally or ethically flawed, who would use the word “murderer” in these circumstances? However, transfer that to the human condition and that is the word that some would use. No matter how great the pain, the anguish, the torture we see a loved one enduring, to help that human life pass into its next sphere of existence is seen by some as a crime, a sin, an affront to the individual, to society and to God.

There is a range of situations and solutions that can arise: allowing the body to stop working, allowing the person to have the dignity to end their own life at a time and in a place of their own choosing, and actively bringing about an end to physical life with or without the knowledge and consent of the person.

Sometimes the individual will still have the physical and mental capacity to make a choice but occasionally that will no longer be an option. If my dog is suffering so much that I have it put to sleep, that is an act of kindness and humanity; if I do the same for a human being I love and cherish then I become a monster, an assassin, a murderer. I find no logic in that.

Clearly, each case must be taken on its merits and there have to be safeguards to prevent any misuse for personal gain. That said, the principle remains the same. Every person must be afforded the same level of dignity, the same freedom of choice, the same opportunity to decide their own fate and destiny.

For some who are enduring the seemingly unendurable, the choice will be to go on as they are, to go through what is happening to them, to see physical life through to the point where it ceases, of its own volition, to exist. Such individuals have that absolute right and no-one would deny it. But is there any justification to deny the rights

of those who take a different stance and who do feel that their condition is indeed unendurable?

Is religion or the law or the state or “another person” to be the arbiter of personal freedom? As Spiritualists we know that we will have to account for our own decisions, our own actions, the courses we opt to take throughout our earthly lives when we move on.

We know that we will not be judged or criticised or condemned or punished; rather that we will have the opportunity to review, objectively, the patterns and actions of our lives and given the opportunity to learn from those decisions and actions and how they impacted on our own futures and on the lives and futures of others.

There are many issues of ethics and morality that cause Spiritualists to stand separate from some followers of other faiths and beliefs.

Our approaches stem from our knowledge and understanding of the wisdom that we have gleaned in our own lives and through the lives of others. For over a century and a half we have shared knowledge that has been passed to us through the direct and indirect contacts we have had with those who no longer live in this physical world.

Communication, personal or via third parties, has allowed a re-awakening of ancient awareness and a new and fresh appreciation of truths that emanate from the Source of Life.

When considering such issues, we could gain a great deal by using our communicative abilities to establish the

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views of those who have the “been there - done that” tee-shirts that are used a lot in that “spirit world” about which we talk so much! Or perhaps

the response might be – “you have the tools, the knowledge, the understanding and the ability to find answers for yourself”.

We should never assume that the answers always lie with “those who have gone before”. There are many, many occasions when the responsibility lies with us. To seek to pass the buck could be considered as moral cowardice and whilst finding the “quick fix” from spirit may seem the easy way, it may not be the best for our own development and the development of humanity.

It’s never easy, is it? There are always different ways of seeing things and different ways of assessing what is happening.

Spiritualism is a never-ending journey of exploration, as we seek to find out more, to understand more and to make better choices. It helps us find answers ... which often produce more questions!

If we open our hearts and our minds and our spirits, then this philosophy can help us be and do anything and everything. Not yet ... but sometime!



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Cultivating clairvoyance by srying

BY BILLY ROBERTS

IN ONE form or another – from reflections in shiny surfaces to gazing into a crystal ball – srying has been used from time immemorial as a way of extending our senses.

It was particularly favoured by the ancient seers who used either a crystal sphere or some other form of mystical speculum to allow their consciousness to transcend space and time. While in that altered state of mind, he or she would have glimpses of the future.

In fact, srying is an extremely effective optical tool that will encourage the development of a clairvoyant skill. Srying causes retina fatigue, a process that occurs during the cultivation of the image-making faculty, the neurological body that allows images to pass through the consciousness.

Unless a person is able to use their imagination to actually “see” images with

their eyes closed, the full development of clairvoyance is really not an option.

Remember, I am talking about a clairvoyant skill, the ability to “see” things nobody else can see, and not a mediumistic skill, which is something quite different altogether. Not all mediums are clairvoyant, and not all clairvoyants are mediums.

Simple clairvoyance allows the seer to see future and past events with an “inner

eye” and foretell the future; but when a clairvoyant skill is accompanied by a mediumistic one, the person is able to actually “see” and communicate with a disembodied energy, an ability that is quite specific.

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The whole process of clairvoyance really does vary from person to person, simply because the response of our eyes is very limited. We accept the fact that our eyes respond to vibrations of light that are thrown off

by the surfaces of an object, and that our consciousness translates those vibrations into ideas of form and colour.



HERE'S WHAT TO DO:

The process of clairvoyance transcends the parameters of matter, allowing an individual to actually "see" through the astral light. Although a clairvoyant skill can spontaneously occur for any number of natural reasons, it still needs to be cultivated and refined, so that the person controls the ability, instead of the ability controlling the person.

It is an axiom of physics that no two bodies of matter can occupy the same space at the same time; but it is generally accepted that millions upon millions of vibrations can and do exist in the one space, without interference. Clairvoyance allows the consciousness to discriminate between vibrations of physical and astral matter, to actually "see" things as they really are.

There are numerous scrying techniques to encourage the development of clairvoyance, but the one I have always used in my workshops is perhaps one that is used in yoga to make the mind quiet, serene and introspective. This is called in eastern parlance "Trataka", a process of directing the eyes either towards a spot between the eyebrows or, in this case, focusing attention on the flickering flame of a candle.

In Buddhism, more or less the same process is referred to as the "Kasina", meaning "total field": concentrating the mind on an object until it becomes totally absorbed by it. This object can take any form, from a stone or crystal, to a lighted candle.

- Light a candle and place it on a table, approximately three to four feet away from you, and as near to eye-level as possible. Please remove contact lenses before scrying.
- To create the right ambience, it helps to burn some pleasant incense, but make certain the room is well ventilated.
- So as to avoid distractions, make sure the lighting is fairly subdued. It sometimes helps to have some conducive background music.
- Sit comfortably on a straight-back chair, and breathe rhythmically until the rhythm is fully established, and you feel quite relaxed.
- With your hands resting lightly on your lap, and your eyes half open, focus your gaze on the flickering flame, whilst remaining conscious of the rhythm of the in-flowing and out-flowing breath.
- It is important that you resist the temptation to blink, or move your gaze from the flickering flame even for a moment, as this will defeat the object of the whole exercise.
- When your eyes begin to tear, gently close them, and place the palms of your hands over them, applying a little pressure to the eyeball.
- Within moments the after-image will appear in your mind's eye, usually in the complementary colour of the flame itself – in this case pale blue.
- At this point you should be conscious of the inflowing and outflowing breath, holding the after-image steady in your mind for as long as you can.
- When the after-image begins to break-up and fade, open your eyes and return your gaze to the flame, and repeat the whole process.

Repeat the exercise three to four times every day. The after-image will remain in your mind's eye a little longer each time you do it, eventually not fading at all.

Trataka also improves concentration and focus, and encourages a more serene and relaxed mind. As I have already explained, it stimulates the image-making faculty of the brain, encouraging the overall awareness and sensitivity that are prerequisites for the cultivation and development of the clairvoyant skill.

Candle gazing may also be integrated into your meditation programme. Precede your meditation with some rhythmic breathing, followed by Trataka, as a contemplative process before your meditation.



CRYSTAL GAZING:

Crystal gazing is another excellent tool for cultivating the psychic faculties. Using more or less the same process as with candle gazing, the crystal ball should be placed right in front of you, and as near to eye level as possible. The lighting should be subdued as much as possible, but not to total darkness.

Fix your gaze at a selected spot on the crystal sphere, and do not move your eyes from that point. Only blink occasionally, primarily to clear your eyes.

The first thing you can expect is that the crystal sphere will seem to come alive, and will have a slightly green effervescent appearance. At this point, do not be tempted to relax the eyes by looking away, as this will interrupt the whole process.

This optical illusion will be followed by a shadow descending on the crystal sphere. As the shadow can remain there for some time, the majority of practitioners usually abandon the process at this point. Be patient, as this is when things really begin to occur.

Eventually, the shadow will rise, rather like the curtains at the beginning of a theatre

show, revealing anonymous faces, abstract images, landscapes and much more. At this point, you may also be aware of dancing shafts of light in your peripheral vision. Do not be tempted to move your gaze from the crystal to look directly at them, as the entire optical display will disappear and the

crystal sphere will once again fall into darkness.

If you are truly intent on using a crystal sphere, then ideally it should be used every day. However, do not make the exercise a labour by forcing yourself to sit with it. Take your time and, most of all, be patient.

CAUTIONARY NOTE: Always remove contact lenses before any scrying exercise.



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"TALKING TO _ _ _ _ _"



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ART VIEWED FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE VEIL

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TWO art exhibitions, one in London and the other in San Francisco, have had visitors contemplating the afterlife from very different angles.

Entering Karen Mirza's first solo exhibition at fig-2, in the ICA Studio on London's prestigious Mall, just a short royal carriage journey down the road to Buckingham Palace, was like stepping into a physical séance.

The room was bathed in red light and among the exhibits was a huge image of physical medium Stanislaw P (later identified as Stanislaw Tomczyk) with ectoplasm exuding from her mouth. This photograph was taken in 1913 during test séances with Baron von Schrenck-Notzing, the German psychical researcher.

What is interesting about the image the artist has selected is that Schrenck-Notzing covered the medium's face with netting to demonstrate that the ectoplasm was capable of passing through it and was not, therefore, a physical substance that the medium was regurgitating.

Attention is not drawn to this and for good reason. The purpose of Karen Mirza's exhibition, titled "The Ectoplasm of Neoliberalism" was not to expound on Spiritualism and psychic phenomena – though she is the daughter of medium

Phyllis Mirza – but to open up a much broader dialogue with those who view her work.

The idea, she explains, was to "bring forth a confluence of occult and radical politics" that is a further step in experimenting with her ongoing exploration of "positions that concentrate on women, bodies and sites of resistance".

Her large scale collages were drawn from her research in radical and psychic archives, and her set of photo-prints were described as "outcomes of studies of dissonance".

Neoliberalism, she says, "is in the first instance a theory of political economic practices that proposes that human well-being can best be advanced by liberating individual entrepreneurial freedoms and skills within an institutional framework characterised by strong private property rights, free markets and free trade".

If these concepts were difficult for exhibition visitors to absorb without time for quiet reflection, there were on hand several rare exhibits from the archives of

London's College of Psychic Studies, of which the artist is a member, to help bring them back to Earth.

On loan were some rare spirit photographs, séance notes from the visit to the College made by Scottish physical medium Helen Duncan, and the original editions of two controversial books, *Art Magic and Ghostland*, edited by medium Emma Hardinge Britten. There was even an original copy of *Psychic News* (dated April 1, 1944) reporting on Helen Duncan's trial at the Old Bailey.

"The Ectoplasm of Neoliberalism" exhibition was staged from July 6-12.

Meanwhile, coincidentally, an exhibition called "After Life" was opening in San Francisco on July 10 at Incline Gallery, on Valencia Street, a former funeral home. The gallery gets its name from the ramps used to move caskets and gurneys to the embalming room.

"After Life" is described as "an intriguing exploration of the possibility of life after death, and a way to honour the dead by allowing them the pleasure of interacting with the living". The exhibits on show, by artists Fernando Orellana and Al Honig, are designed to give the "living-impaired" – in other words, the dead – a way to participate in the connected living world.



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HER BELL

Photo: Fernando Orellana



THEIR WORDS

Photo: Fernando Orellana



HIS RECIPES

Photo: Fernando Orellana

Orellana's creations are interactive machines built around personal artifacts that respond to factors that are detected by ghost-hunters: changes in temperature, infrared light or electromagnetism.

When the device detects sudden activity in two out of three of these triggers, it "activates the object for the dead" says "After Life" curator Valerie Leavy.

For example, in a piece called *His Minerals* the machine will light a stick of incense when it senses the ghost of a deceased man who left behind a collection of minerals and handmade incense. Another piece, *Her Bell* is composed around a brass bell left behind by a deceased bell collector. The bell rings when it senses a paranormal trigger.

Orellana argues that the living get plenty of devices to help make their lives easier and the dead deserve the same consideration.

The other works on show in "After Life", created by Honig, are elaborate sculptures housing the cremated remains of the departed. Each "urn" also has a "window" so that the dead can

observe the world outside.

"After Life" runs from July 10 - August 8 at Incline Gallery, Valencia Street, San Francisco.



HIS LIGHT

Photo: Fernando Orellana

SEARCHING FOR PSYCHIC POWERS

...at the University of Northampton's Centre for the Study of Anomalous Psychological Processes

I'M LOUNGING in a very comfortable chair in a small room bathed in red light, with half ping-pong balls taped over my eyes and headphones feeding a constant flow of "white noise" to my ears.

Welcome to the world of paranormal probing – or parapsychology to give it its official name. "Ganzfeld" is the term used for the experiment I am participating in, which involves sensory deprivation.

The idea is that there is no way for my conscious mind to pick up visual or audible clues about the images the "sender" is pushing out in my direction. My role, as the recipient, is to open my mind to any thoughts, pictures or sounds that come into my head and to report them verbally so that they can be recorded

by the researcher, for later consideration, when I am asked to decide which of four video clips I believe was the target for the experiment.

I'm at the University of Northampton campus, in England's East Midlands region, and the researcher scrutinising my psychic abilities – or lack of them – is Professor Chris Roe, director of the Centre for the Study of Anomalous Psychological Processes (CSAPP), one of the world's largest university-based research centres examining exceptional human experiences.

Naturally, I'm hoping to produce an exceptional result but the friendly professor has a surprise in store.

My expectation, having participated in similar

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Professor Chris Roe

research at Cambridge University many years ago, is that someone will be looking at a target picture, chosen randomly from a pool of images, and will try to send impressions of what it depicts to my brain. If successful, it would indicate mind-to-mind communication: telepathy.

But, Prof Roe informs me, there won't be anyone else involved in this experiment. Instead, I'll be attempting to "see" a movie clip that a computer chooses at random and then runs in a loop for the duration of the test: about 25 minutes.

So mine is the only mind involved, which means if I succeed then I will be "clairvoyantly" seeing what is appearing on a computer screen in a locked room protected by elaborate security procedures that ensure no one can gain access while the experiment is in progress.

Once everything is in place, I start to hear soothing meditation music through

my earphones and a recorded voice instructing me in some simple exercises that will help me relax. Then the "white noise" begins and after a few minutes my empty mind starts to conjure up images, feelings and ideas.

They prove to be fleeting, unconnected impressions of apparently meaningless events. The Spanish tomato-throwing festival is the first to come to mind, then a feeling of a celebration. Johnny Depp, in costume for *Pirates of the Caribbean*, puts in a brief appearance, as does Audrey Hepburn under an umbrella in a scene from *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Though I try not to analyse these mental scenes my logical brain tells me that the white noise, reminiscent of falling rain, has helped me conjure up Hepburn under an umbrella. But no logic explains the black dog being put through its paces at Crufts, nor another friendly black dog that sits

down in front of me wagging its tail.

I see a closed door that slowly opens and a man in a suit puts his head around the door as if looking for someone. The image abruptly ends at that point, and I tell Prof Roe, "That's weird!". Then there's a brief impression of being in a light aircraft flying over very tall, colourful trees in Autumn. I say I think it's Canada or North America.

People going out with guns on a pheasant or grouse shoot are the next to materialise in my head, followed by a scene in which people are using ropes to try to rescue someone who has fallen down a well. Three girls skipping with a rope, the CERN subatomic particle experiment and a royal procession are other ideas that float in and out of my imagination.

What utter nonsense the mind conjures up when it has nothing better to do, I think to myself.

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Prof Roe records all of this and once I've had the ping-pong balls taken off my eyes and the headphones removed he takes me through the statements I made and invites me to elaborate on them where necessary.

It's then time for him to enter the code on the door lock to the other laboratory and for the password to be entered on the computer to gain access to the programme that had been running the randomly chosen video clip.

Prof Roe, I should point out, is as ignorant as I am about which video is the target and that remains true throughout the screening of all four videos that are in the batch from which the computer has made its selection.

We watch them together and a scene in the very first video blows me away. It's a clip from *Bugsy Malone*, a hit movie in which children act the roles of Chicago gangsters shooting each other – but in a playful way. At one point the camera shows a close up view of a closed door, which opens and one of the child actors looks into the room but doesn't enter. It was exactly what I described during my Ganzfeld test. The only difference was that the boy then has a custard pie thrown at his face.

I look at the professor with wide-eyed amazement. “That's weird,” I say – which echoes the comment I made during the session.

I am then asked to mark the clip with a score to indicate how likely it was to be the target video. I give it 75. We watch the

other three clips, some of which contain elements that have similarities to what I saw during the Ganzfeld experiment, but none comes as close as *Bugsy Malone*. I give the others scores of 40, 20 and 15.

And so it is with a high degree of certainty that I wait for the computer to reveal to us which of the four videos is the one it had been playing over and over again while I was trying to tune in to it.

The moment of truth has arrived. The target video is not *Bugsy Malone* but a scene from a film in the Amazonian jungle with hunters carrying bows and arrows to the sound of a flute accompaniment – a clip I awarded a score of just 20.

I am *not* psychic after all – news that doesn't surprise me, I have to say.

That said, even if I had got the target right, I would have had to repeat the success many times over before I could be regarded as a subject with special powers. But that is not what Prof Chris Roe, who has been at Northampton for 19 years at the head of the longest-running parapsychology course, is looking for.

“We avoid that sort of approach,” he explains. “The story is that Psychology is based on past psychology students testing current psychology students for the benefit of future psychology students. Most psychology research is with those people who are available. Besides, we believe if psi is a human faculty then it's going to be evenly distributed throughout the population.”

Assessments of the data from experiments like those conducted at Northampton suggest that ESP, in one form or another, is a reality, though the statistical significance is small and not everyone interprets it in the same way. More research needs to be done before ESP is proved beyond doubt to everyone's satisfaction.

“I have 11 PhD students at the moment of whom seven are in this area – parapsychology or transpersonal psychology – and so we have a lot of exciting projects going on that I am really involved in, in an advisory capacity,” Prof Roe assures me.

I leave the campus thoroughly impressed with the meticulous care that is taken to ensure the experimental protocol is watertight. But I am still puzzled that what seemed to be an impressive “hit” turned out to be such a disappointing “miss”.

I console myself with the thought that perhaps in my relaxed state of mind I had not tuned into the computer's real-time output but instead my “future self” had seen all four of the video clips that were shown to me later and had registered the amusing scene with the custard pie.

Unlikely? Of course. But no more unlikely than my mind seeing a movie on a computer screen in a locked room.

Maybe I am psychic, after all.

ROY STEMMAN



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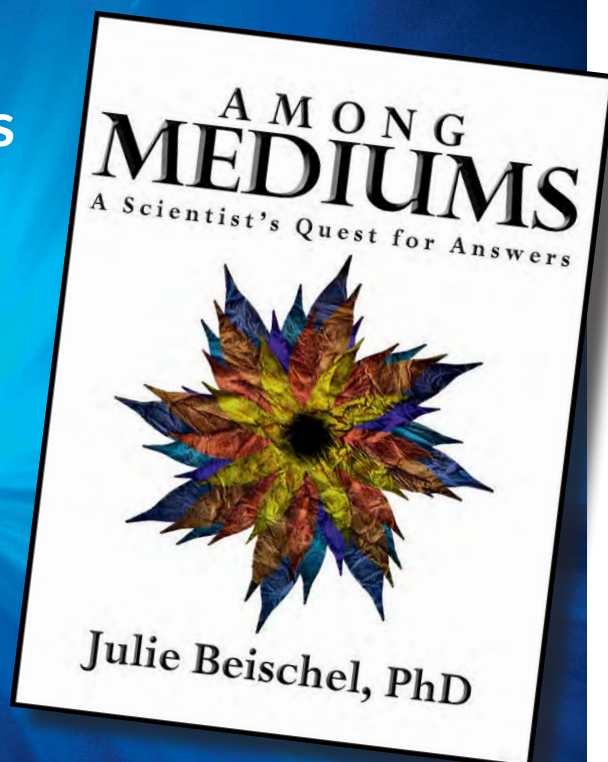
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Spotlight on Brazilian mediums

Healer murdered and tomb of celebrated psychic vandalised – but fear of Evangelical attacks is dismissed

The murder of psychic surgeon Gilberto Arruda, 73, and the desecration of the tomb of Brazil's most famous medium, Chico Xavier, who died in 2002 aged 92, sparked fears of further attacks against Spiritists by Christian Evangelicals.

These concerns were expressed on the internet in early July and even in media reports from outside Brazil. But *Psychic News*' own enquiries suggest that the two events were coincidental and not the result of deliberate, organised attacks against Spiritism, which is a version of Spiritualism based on the writings of French researcher Allan Kardec.

Little is known outside of Brazil about Arruda, who was said to be a very private man. Newspaper reports say that when in trance he was controlled by the spirit of a World War II German doctor who performed operations on his patients.

Well-known Brazilian actor/director Carlos Vereza is among those who have paid tribute to his healing powers. He and Arruda had been friends for 27 years after he was cured by the spirit surgeon.

Gustavo Kuerten, a former World No 1

tennis player and winner of three French Opens, is reported to have had a spirit operation on his spine at his centre.

Arruda's body was discovered by his wife on June 20, tied to a chair in his home, with his hands secured behind his back and with signs of having been beaten. The Arrudas lived in a house within the Frei Luiz Spiritist centre, in Jacarepagua, Rio de Janeiro, where he held his healing sessions. The police are still looking for the attacker.

As he was buried in the centre's grounds, a human chain of 500 supporters, most of them dressed in white, formed around Arruda's grave.

In a separate incident, the tomb of Chico Xavier in Uberaba, in Minas Gerais state, was vandalised. Police reported that the glass walls of the tomb, which receives thousands of visitors each year, were damaged in several places.



Chico Xavier on TV

The Archbishop of Rio, Orani Tempesta, told the media: "When we see signs of religious intolerance in our city it is very worrying. I am sure that these attackers are a minority. They are not Christians."

However, it seems highly unlikely that these two events were motivated by religious intolerance. Spiritists contacted by *Psychic News* believe the proximity of the events was coincidental, and that the first was possibly a robbery that went wrong, leading to the victim's death, and the second was damage caused by drug addicts who had gained access to the cemetery at night.



Chico sculpture with one of the thousands of visitors to his tomb each year

“When news of his death was made public, a queue two miles long formed as an estimated 120,000 waited to pay their respects to him, and 30,000 joined the funeral procession”

After speaking with Spiritist film producer Oceano Viera, UK-based Elsa Rossi, a member of the executive committee of the International Spiritist Council, assured us that these two unfortunate incidents had not had an impact on Brazilian Spiritism. “It was just a coincidence that these two events happened at a similar time, but many miles apart. We have many thousands of Spiritists and Spiritualists in Brazil and we do not believe these incidents were the work of fanatics.”

It certainly seems inconceivable that Evangelicals would even consider desecrating Chico Xavier’s tomb, given that he is a national hero who is regarded in Brazil with the same reverence as Mother Teresa. As well as being a Spiritist and an impressive medium whose special skill was automatic writing (referred to as psychography in Brazil), Chico was also a Christian with a special affection for St Paul.

He took no credit for his achievements. He was simply the medium, he explained. What’s more, he lived simply, doing a mundane job for much of his life and donating all the proceeds from the scripts to Spiritist charities.

The son of an illiterate lottery ticket seller, Chico left school at 13 having had only a rudimentary education. Yet, within a few years, he was producing automatic writing scripts, apparently from different deceased authors and on topics about which he had never learned. Indeed, he admitted that he didn’t understand most of

what was written through his hand.

One of his spirit helpers was Emmanuel, who was said to have lived as Senator Publius Lentulus in Roman times before being reincarnated as Father Damian in Spain and then as a professor at the Sorbonne.

Emmanuel assisted a variety of spirit communicators to control Chico’s hand and write messages – or even books – at speed. His output was prolific. During his lifetime, around 100,000 pages were handwritten in different styles and on a diversity of subjects, resulting in 400 books being produced of which 50 million copies have been printed.

Each day, poor people queued outside his home in Uberaba to receive free food and for the opportunity to speak a few words with him. He was regarded by many as a guru and celebrities were among regular visitors to his home seeking advice from him or the spirits who communicated through him.

One witness to his psychography was a well-known writer of soap operas who reported: “Chico divided a pile of paper into two, went into trance, and started writing with both hands at the same time, getting simultaneous messages from André Luiz and Humberto de Campos. How could I still have any doubts when that happened right in front of me? That was too much.”

Luiz, a regular communicator, is said to have been a medical doctor and researcher

in the early 20th century, and de Campos was a well-known academician and one of Brazil’s most celebrated writers and poets.

In fact, de Campos had taken a great interest in Chico’s mediumship whilst still on Earth and made a study of *Parnassus From Beyond The Tomb*. This consists of 259 poems, written and signed by 56 of the greatest of Brazil’s and Portugal’s deceased poets through Chico’s industrious hand. He testified that “their authors were showing the same characteristics of inspiration and expression that identified them on this planet”.

When de Campos died, soon after studying *Parnassus*, he joined Chico’s band of spirits almost immediately, resulting in five books being produced between 1937 and 1942. These were praised by other writers, including one who commented that they were “full of the thousand and one technical mannerisms of Humberto”.

However, de Campos’s widow took Chico to court on the basis that, if these were produced by her dead husband, she was entitled to author’s rights. The judge decided that since de Campos was dead, he no longer had rights.

Another well-known and influential Brazilian writer, Monteiro Lobato, declared: “If this man [Chico] produced all this on his own, then he can occupy as many chairs in the Academy as he likes!”

Such was the adulation of Francisco Cândido Xavier in the predominantly



Chico Xavier produces an automatic script for a visitor



Chico in later life, and (below) on the medal produced by the Brazilian Mint



Roman Catholic country that on his 50th birthday, April 2, 1960, the Brazilian Post Office issued a stamp commemorating his life and work. It even depicted him, pen in hand, producing a spirit-inspired script.

In 1981 Chico was nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize and among the two million petitions on his behalf was one from a former Brazilian president. The medium was also voted "Mineiro of the Century", meaning a native of the state, by the people of Minas Gerais.

When he died on June 30, 2002, there was a great outpouring of grief – even though much of his life had been spent providing evidence of an afterlife.

Even his passing had psychic significance. He said in a TV interview some years earlier that he hoped to die on a very happy day for his country, so that his death would not be remembered with sorrow. His timing was impeccable: it was the day Brazil won the World Cup.

When news of his death was made public, a queue two miles long formed as an estimated 120,000 waited to pay their respects to him, and 30,000 joined the funeral procession.

Over a decade after his passing, Chico was far from forgotten and Brazil decided to celebrate the centenary of his birth – on April 2, 2010.

The Brazilian Post Office once again produced a stamp to recognise his dedication to others as well as his humility and dignity.



The Brazilian Mint also produced a commemorative medal depicting Chico which it issued on April 16, 2010, to coincide with the opening of the 3rd Brazilian Spiritist Congress in Brasília, Brazil's federal capital (which, incidentally, was built in the 1950s having been designed by a Spiritist: celebrated architect Oscar Niemeyer). The congress was part of the federation's "Chico Xavier Centennial Project".

And just to be sure every Brazilian was aware of Chico's centenary and his role as a medium between this world and the next, two films were released in the same year. The first, coinciding with his centenary, was a biopic, *Chico Xavier: the Movie*, and the

other, based on one of his scripts from André Luiz, *Nosso Lar (Our Home: the Astral City)*, made by Twentieth Century Fox, was released on September 3.

Much of the published material about Chico Xavier is in Portuguese, but British writer Guy Lyon Playfair, who lived in Brazil for a time and witnessed Chico's mediumship, has produced an admirable examination of this astonishing man: *Chico Xavier: medium of the century* (Roundtable Publishing, 2010).

The book's title is not an exaggeration. In October 2012 Brazilian TV company SBT invited the country to vote for "The Greatest Brazilian of all Time". Short-listed nominees included Santos Dumont, an aviation pioneer, Princess Isabel, responsible for the abolition of slavery, Irmã Dulce (a Catholic nun) and Ayrton Senna, Formula 1 racing driver.

But it was Spiritist medium Chico Xavier who took the title in a knock-out competition, receiving 71.4 per cent of the votes in the final programme against Dumont and the princess.

IN THE NEXT ISSUE: As well as the book-length scripts which Chico Xavier produced, his automatic writing gift also provided personal and intimate messages from recently deceased loved ones. We'll take a look at some of these in *Psychic News*' September issue.





CRAIG HAMILTON-PARKER concludes his account of PRINCESS DIANA'S SPIRIT RETURN

“I said that when he used to go up to Diana’s quarters, it was up an awkward spiral stone staircase and he’d often see her standing there frying eggs. He’d joke about how he’d cook all this food for her, only for Diana to go up to her room and fry eggs”



Craig Hamilton-Parker with his wife Jane

In this second instalment (see July issue for the first), Craig Hamilton-Parker continues the story of the televised séance, *Spirit of Diana*, which he and his wife Jane conducted in 2003 for a Los Angeles-based film company, and discusses the development of mediumship.

INTERESTING information was also communicated by Princess Diana for a man who I later discovered was called James Thurlow. Diana said, “Ask him about the menus. Tell him how I always tore them up. Tell him how I used to laugh about it and make it into a bit of fun.”

He looked astonished when I relayed this to him, and admitted that his job was to liaise with the chefs in the palace kitchens and discuss the menus for the day with the princess. I also said Diana had given him a special rolled parchment – a menu – when he retired, signed by her. He confirmed this – it was a hand-painted Italian rolled parchment, which he had framed and is now proudly hanging on his wall at home.

I said that when he used to go up to Diana’s quarters, it was up an awkward spiral stone staircase and he’d often see her standing there frying eggs. He’d joke about how he’d cook all this food for her, only for Diana to go up to her room and fry eggs.

James confirmed all this. I also told him that the princes weren’t supposed to go up the spiral stone staircase, as it was the servants’ entrance, but they did anyway

and used to play marbles at the turn of the stair to the kitchen. I also related a story about how Diana had asked James to help in a frantic search on their hands and knees for a lost piece of jewellery – a funny event that James confirmed had happened.

It’s the trivial things that most people wouldn’t know that build up proof, and there is no doubt from watching the footage and his testimonial afterward that Mr Thurlow was impressed.

(The comment about the stairs and search for the jewellery was edited out of the first showing because I had a hacking cough that sent the sound meter off the scale but was referred to in James’s testimonial at the end of the show and included in the second screening.)

I found out afterward that Jane had given equally impressive proof to her group. “Diana began to speak to me about AIDS, and I asked one of the women at the table, who I was drawn to at that point, why that might be,” said Jane. “She told me she was HIV, and I later found out that she was Lynde Francis, founder of an HIV centre in Zimbabwe.



Princess Diana with Prince Harry in 1985

"Diana also spoke of scar tissue on Lynde's leg that had nearly killed her. Lynde confirmed that she had had a skin graft after a snakebite in December, which had indeed nearly killed her. Diana also asked me to mention the earrings and say how glad she was to see Lynde wearing them again.

"Lynde explained that wearing the earrings was a big step, as she had been bed ridden for many months and had regretted being unable to wear them. Diana then showed me some children's clothes and pointed to an image of a baby wiping flies from its eyes. I told Lynde this, and she confirmed the night the princess had bought clothes out of her own money and given them to children at the orphanage Lynde ran.

"Next, I was drawn to a man who I was later told was Philip Godfrey-Night, who'd also met Diana and whose partner had died of AIDS. Diana wanted me to ask him about a plate of tea and cakes. He told me that when Diana met him at a hospice, she'd jokingly asked when she could come round for tea and cakes in his new kitchen. I also gave proof in that Diana was aware of a friend who was connected with the city of Brighton and who had died in his arms. She spoke of his good work with the terminally ill.

"While I felt privileged that Diana had shown me what really happened, I also felt emotionally exhausted. But it was clear to me her death was an accident, not a conspiracy. After that connection, I felt confident that the séance would be a success – as it proved to be.

"I know people will criticise us for having taken part in this programme, but we wouldn't have done it if we didn't feel it was right. I felt Diana was happy with it and we couldn't have done it without her blessing."

APPLYING PSYCHIC AND MEDIUMISTIC SKILLS

During the Paris sessions to connect with Diana's spirit we were practising a form of extended psychometry. Jane and I were attempting to read vibrations contained in an environment.

Now, under much less stressful circumstances than the scrutiny of TV, I intend to show you the skills that underlie a medium's work. I will also explain to you the differences between psychic and mediumistic work and give you a clear understanding of how to develop the skills of clairvoyance, clairaudience and clairsentience.

Psychometry and the other techniques help develop your psychic skills. In time these methods enable developing mediums to give accurate insights into a person's past and present situation. I believe that most open-minded people can develop these skills to some degree because we all retain these archaic ESP talents from before the advent of language. Working with others in a circle helps to reveal and enhance this latent potential.

Not everybody who joins my circle or development classes will become a medium. From what I have witnessed, mediumship appears to be something you are born with. The mediumistic gift may arise spontaneously during childhood – I used to see auras around people's heads and often saw the spirit of my dead grandfather when I was a child.

Throughout my teens this gift reoccurred in flashes of insight that were outside my control and which sometimes could be a little upsetting. It was only when I was shown how to sit for spirit and hone my talents that I was able to bring it under my control. If I had not had the opportunity

to learn, the gift may have remained semi-dormant for the rest of my life, and all the exciting events, such as the Diana séances, never would have happened.

Perhaps you have the mediumistic gift. Perhaps you do not. You will only find out once you sit in circle. If it comes, then that is wonderful. If it doesn't, that's fine too, for there are many other valid spiritual paths that will be shown to you during your development. And there will be at least one route – maybe even more – that will be perfect for you.

Some of my students have become good psychics, some have become healers, and some have become inspiring speakers. A few have become mediums. Hopefully, all have benefited by becoming better people with a greater sensitivity and empathy for those in distress.

Many students are happy working on a psychic level and may eventually become psychic counsellors. Others take the fortune-telling route and apply their psychic skills to tarot-card reading and other forms of divination. These psychic ways of working are, of course, not mediumship, which is primarily to prove that the personality survives death.

MEDIUMS ARE NOT FORTUNE TELLERS

I am not against divination of the future so long as it involves genuine precognition and is not just arbitrary guesswork. Mediums do not predict the future during a consultation but may sometimes give advice about a direction to take. Nonetheless, this can be a bit of a grey area.

For example, the great British medium Doris Stokes gave me a consultation 25 years ago and, although claiming not to be able to see the future, nonetheless named



Princess Diana and John Travolta dancing at the White House



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On my website we do not allow predictions. Vi Kipling, my key helper, has succinctly summarized our policy relevant to anyone working with premonitions and prediction:

“Mediums are not allowed to predict the future, and psychics who do so run the risk of feeding back to the sitter information picked up from the aura and which is usually the desired outcome wished by the sitters for the problem posed to the psychic. For example, if the sitter desperately wants to remarry or receive a lot of money, this desire is exhibited in his or her auric energy field, a life force of light that surrounds every individual’s body and is a reflection of each person’s thoughts, feelings, emotions, etc.

“So the psychic tells the sitter what he or she wants to hear, which is not a good policy. It takes a very experienced psychic to override the demands made by the sitters and present to them a balanced view of their personality and any outcome to problems being experienced.

“It must be remembered that sitters do not wish to know their future or to have it predicted – that future could be very sad and nobody wants to hear that. Instead, they want to be told that everything is going to work out the way they wish. For a psychic to go down this road would be dishonest.”

THE MEDIUM’S PATH

The truth is that few can develop mediumistic skills. And of those that have it, I have seen many give up for a variety of personal reasons. Even more frustrating are the fledglings who fly from the nest before they are ready or able to give quality links.

They may get a few things right in circle and then immediately rush out and give private readings and demonstrations long before they are ready. They do themselves no favours, for their mediumship may remain at a substandard level for the rest of their lives and they will never know their true capabilities or what they could have achieved with patience.

Just as dental students would not undertake deep root canal fillings until they are fully trained so, too, mediums should not begin full practice until they have accomplished skills.

My own teacher, Peter Close, was a taskmaster who pushed us to greater and greater accuracy. We developed our mediumship with the same determination that a body builder develops his physique. I pushed myself to give a little more than my best every time I worked. This is one of the reasons I now am able to give such detailed proof and can take on TV challenges.

For example, as well as giving the Christian name and surname of the spirit communicator, I can often

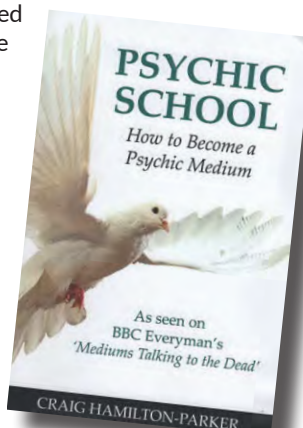
relate information that cannot be claimed to be guesswork or researched from records. In a recent consultation I named the sitter’s sister in spirit and explained how she died in a road accident. I told of how she had been buried in her wedding dress and was laid out clutching a china doll that held a distinctive blue rose. I was also able to quote the exact words of a letter she placed in the coffin, the contents of which were known only to the writer and now passed on to her dead sister.

I want new mediums to be inspired to give this level of proof, because when I die this next generation of mediums will be the people I will have to use to get a message to my loved ones.

When I started out on the path, I never dreamed I’d be doing mediumship as a career nor would I be able to attain such a high degree of accuracy. It has happened because my teacher encouraged me, right from the start, to be tenacious about my mediumship, and this is what I want to pass on to you.

Never sit on your laurels, but continue to push yourselves to greater and greater accuracy. Never be satisfied to give a vague message. Be the one that proves beyond all doubt that mediums really can do what they say they can.

*** An abridged extract from Craig Hamilton-Parker’s book ‘Psychic School’. For purchase details see the advert on page 65.**



Letters

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MY PROBLEMS WITH GOD, CHRIST AND THE SCRIPTURES

WHILE not being quite an atheist, I do have some problems with the concept of God. It has been said that nature is the "art of God". Then why is nature so cruel? Just one example: the parasitic wasp lays its eggs upon other insects' larvae so that they are eaten alive!

All religions claim that God is without a beginning. But that means that an "eternal" amount of time must have preceded creation, and therefore the point of creation could never be reached.

Religions also say that God is omnipotent: there is nothing that He cannot do. This begs the question, can He create a problem greater than His ability to solve it?

Having said all this, I must confess to having problems with my problems. Our eyebrows are the only hairs on our bodies which grow sideways. This prevents perspiration running into the eye. But this,

in turn, suggests intelligent design because it's biological engineering.

"I have no quarrel with Spiritualism because life after death is indicated by the first law of thermodynamics. But Christian Spiritualists puzzle me"

they follow the ethical teachings of Jesus. But why Jesus?

Why not follow the ethics of Buddha or Zoroaster? Unlike Jesus, they did not arm their followers (Luke 22:49). And in case anyone still thinks that the disciples were

I have no quarrel with Spiritualism because life after death is indicated by the first law of thermodynamics. But Christian Spiritualists puzzle me. True, they reject such nonsense as the vicarious atonement and inherited sin. True,

not armed, read John 18:10 where Peter cuts a man's ear off.

And Jesus made mistakes. He believed that all would be fulfilled within the lifetime of his audience (Math 24:34, Luke 21:32, Math 10:23). When Jesus used expressions such as "Have you not read?" and "Did not Moses and the prophets tell you?" he clearly regarded the Hebrew Scriptures as valid.

But Yahweh, the God whom Jesus prayed to, condoned polygamy, accepted slavery, advocated massacre, encouraged territorial theft and, despite "Thou shalt not kill", required the death of so-called witches (mediums). As for Moses, he demanded the slaughter of women and children (Exodus 31:15 - 18).

Sidney J. Clark,
North Walsham, Norfolk

Letters

MOSES CONTRAVENED ONE OF HIS OWN COMMANDMENTS

Your correspondent Betty Redwood complains (PN May) about Spiritualist churches disapproving of her mention of the Ten Commandments in her addresses. Any complaint by a Christian Spiritualist Church about such a mention would, of course, be a nonsense.

However, it is understandable that an SNU church might want to tread warily around the subject.

As Ms Redwood states, the commandments include "Do not kill" and "Honour the Sabbath". Having delivered the ten commandments, Moses then proceeds to establish some supplementary rules, which include, at Exodus 31:15, "whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death".

Numbers 15:32-36 goes on to explain

how, when some Israelites discovered a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath, they brought him before Moses, who arranged for the man to be stoned to death. In other words, Moses contravened the "Do not kill" commandment that he had delivered!

If Moses did not adhere to his own commandments, should the rest of us really base our moral code around them?

William Eyre

Via email

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WHEN 'SPIRITUALISM' MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS

As a US subscriber, I'm delighted to learn that *Psychic News* is now going to be appearing on the shelves of this country's bookstores, including the massive Barnes & Noble chain.

I'm equally delighted to see the enhanced coverage given to Spiritualist activities on this side of the Atlantic in your June issue. Allow me to convey my best wishes to Rev Janet Nohavec and the rest of the Journey Within Spiritualist Church, the first SNU-affiliated church in America.

And I appreciate your handy directory of Spiritualist churches and centers in the USA. However, I would urge some degree of caution here. Many churches in this country incorporate "Spirit", "Spiritual" or even "Spiritualist" in their names or self-descriptions.

Unless a church advertises itself as being affiliated with the NSAC or the SNU, I would not automatically assume that it practices Spiritualism, as we understand the term.

James McArthur,
New Orleans, USA



LAUGHTER, FUN AND VERY GOOD EVIDENCE

BILLY ROBERTS has just given the best display of mediumship ever seen in this centre, with warmth and respect for both spirit and for the recipient. He brought laughter and fun laced with very good evidence, including names and dates which were accepted by an open-mouthed congregation. Thank you, Billy, for a really great evening.

Dennis Colley,

Caretaker for Spirit, Newquay Spirit at the end of the Lane, Cornwall

SPIRIT RETURN OF JUDY GARLAND

I was delighted to see a reprint from your archives of Judy Garland's spirit communications (PN June). Firstly, I would like you to know that Judy has been a regular communicator with various people since that article first appeared, and it still goes on.

I must tell you that, at the age of 88, I am still very busy with the work; I have not given it up. The only thing is, I am no longer doing my taped readings, having in the last 60 years helped thousands of people.

I am turning my work to psychic research which I feel is desperately needed.

Ronald Hearn,

Medium and author, London

Via email

* You can find out more about Ronald Hearn's life and work at his website: www.ronaldhearn.com

Judy Garland returns over spiritual rainbow Gives evidence of identity

PN Reporter

A HIGHLY experienced Spiritualist said last week he is convinced that musical star Judy Garland has proved her survival at a series of seances.

The singer recalled as evidence personal details of note only to herself and the recipients.

These include references to her clothes and the way in which she playfully held her hands on someone's chest.

Peter Ingold, of Magdalen Road, SW London, produced a typed synopsis of the seances. The medium responsible is Ronald Hearn, whose taped proxy sittings have furnished irrefutable Survival evidence to mourners living in foreign countries.

Day has meaning



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE DEAD?

John West examines some classic images of ghosts and spirits that are still hotly debated to this day



SHROUDED FIGURE IN FRONT OF ALTAR

The Reverend Kenneth F. Lord is said to have taken this picture of the altar of his church in Skelton-cum-Newby, North Yorkshire, in July or August 1963 – though some sources state it was taken in 1954. Rev Lord had been appointed vicar of the parish and had wanted to take some photos of the elaborate interior of the Church of Christ the Consoler to send to his friends.

Only one other person was in the church at the time and they remained behind the camera. A dozen photographs were taken in all, with a Rolleicord 4 camera. When the photographs were developed, the new vicar was shocked to discover that frame five showed a shrouded figure standing in front of the altar.

The negative was thoroughly examined by photographic experts, including Kodak, who confirmed that the figure had not been caused by double exposure. There were also no signs that the negative had been tampered with. Further analysis showed the figure to be at least nine feet tall. However, it should be noted that the figure does appear to be standing on the

top step with the lower part of the robe hanging over the lower step. This would make it appear taller than it actually was.

Some claim that a skull is visible beneath the hood. However, a closer inspection of the photograph reveals that the face is actually covered by a linen mask. Could this have been worn to hide some sort of disfigurement? It's interesting to note that it was not unknown in medieval times for sufferers of leprosy to hide their faces in such a way.

The Church of Christ the Consoler was built as a memorial to Frederick Vyner who, aged 23, was captured and murdered by brigands in Greece in 1870. His mother used the money collected for his ransom to commission the architect William Burges to build the church (constructed between 1871 and 1876) in the grounds of her home at Newby Hall.

The church did not have a reputation as a haunted building prior to the photograph being taken. Nor had it been built on the site of an earlier church or religious building. The apparition has not been seen or photographed since.

'I SHALL STILL BE WITH YOU'

It was March 22, 1959, and Mrs Mabel Chinnery and her husband Jim had just visited her mother's grave in Ipswich, Suffolk. She had been taking photographs of the grave and decided to take the last picture of her husband sitting alone in their car. When the photograph was developed, Mrs Chinnery was shocked to see her mother sitting behind her husband. The strange whiteness of the eyes was put down to the light reflecting off her glasses.

Mrs Chinnery was so unnerved by the experience that she was forced to take time off work.

Sceptics claim the figure is a double exposure as it appears to be sitting too far forward in the car. They also point out that part of her scarf appears to partially overlap the door pillar. Others firmly believe that the origins of the photo are paranormal and state that the chances of a picture of Mrs Chinnery's mother appearing as a double exposure in a sitting position in the car are millions to one.

The jury is still out on this one but it should be noted that upon seeing the picture, Jim recalled his mother-in-law's last words to him, "Jim, you'll never come to any harm. I shall still be with you."



BROWN LADY OF RAYNHAM HALL

Raynham Hall in Norfolk was long thought to be haunted by the ghost of Dorothy Walpole, sister of Robert Walpole, the first Prime Minister of Great Britain. She had the misfortune to marry Charles Townsend, a man with a reputation for violence.

The marriage proved a disaster and she found herself accused by her husband of having an affair behind his back. As punishment, she was incarcerated at Raynham and was even denied the right to see her children. The grief-stricken lady remained hidden at the Hall until her death from smallpox in 1726.

The first recorded sighting of her ghost was during Christmas celebrations in 1835. A lady wearing a brown dress was seen in a corridor by a Colonel Loftus and another guest named Hawkins. It was again seen by Loftus on the following night. He later reported that the figure had a glowing face

and appeared eyeless. Reports of these appearances led to Captain Frederick Marryat, a friend of Charles Dickens, visiting the Hall in 1836. However, other sources claim that the visit took place several years after the 1835 sighting.

Marryat was convinced that the ghost was a hoax and asked to spend the night in the bedroom where the Brown Lady was often said to appear. In 1917, his daughter Florence wrote of what happened:

...he took possession of the room in which the portrait of the apparition hung, and in



Captain Frederick Marryat



Dorothy Walpole



which she had been often seen, and slept each night with a loaded revolver under his pillow. For two days, however, he saw nothing, and the third was to be the limit of his stay. On the third night, however, two young men (nephews of the baronet), knocked at his door as he was undressing to go to bed, and asked him to step over to their room (which was at the other end of the corridor),

and give them his opinion on a new gun just arrived from London. My father was in his shirt and trousers, but as the hour was late, and everybody had retired to rest except themselves, he prepared to accompany them as he was. As they were leaving the room, he caught up his revolver, "in case you meet the Brown Lady," he said, laughing. When the inspection of the gun was over, the young men in the same spirit declared they would accompany my father back again, "in case you meet the Brown Lady," they repeated, laughing also. The three gentlemen therefore returned in company.

The corridor was long and dark, for the lights had been extinguished, but as they reached the middle of it, they saw the glimmer of a lamp coming towards them from the other end. "One of the ladies going to visit the nurseries," whispered the young Townsends to my father. Now the bedroom doors in that corridor faced each other, and each room had a double door with a space between, as is the case in many old-fashioned houses. My father, as I have said, was in shirt and trousers only, and his native modesty made him feel uncomfortable, so he slipped within one of the outer doors (his friends following his example), in order to conceal himself until the lady should have passed by.

I have heard him describe how he watched her approaching nearer and nearer, through the chink of the door, until, as she was close enough for him to distinguish the colours and style of her costume, he recognised the figure as the facsimile of the portrait of "The Brown Lady". He had his finger on the trigger of his revolver, and was about to demand it to stop and give the reason for its presence there, when the figure halted of its own accord before the door behind which he stood, and holding the lighted lamp she carried to her features, grinned in a malicious and diabolical manner at him. This act so infuriated my father, who was anything but lamb-like in disposition, that he sprang into the corridor with a bound, and discharged the revolver right in her face. The figure instantly disappeared – the figure at which for several minutes three men had been looking together – and the bullet passed through the outer door of the room on the opposite side of the corridor, and lodged in the panel of the inner one. My father never attempted again to interfere with "The Brown Lady of Raynham".

The Brown Lady appeared to remain dormant until 1926, when she was seen on a staircase by the son of Lady Townsend. His friend also witnessed it at the same time. They identified the ghost by comparing her to a portrait of Dorothy Walpole, then hanging in the so-called haunted room.

Ten years were to pass before she was seen again. It was September 19, 1936, and a Captain Hubert C. Provand, a photographer working for *Country Life* magazine, and his assistant, Indre Shira, were at the Hall to take photographs for a feature. It was decided to photograph the Hall's main staircase. Shira described what happened next:

Captain Provand took one photograph while I flashed the light. He was focusing for another exposure; I was standing by his side just behind the camera with the flashlight pistol in my hand, looking directly up the staircase. All at once I detected an ethereal veiled form coming slowly down the stairs. Rather excitedly, I called out sharply: "Quick, quick, there's something." I pressed the trigger of the flashlight pistol. After the flash and on closing the shutter, Captain Provand removed the focusing cloth from his head and turning to me said: "What's all the excitement about?"

The camera used to take the picture was described as an "old stand camera" with faulty bellows. The exposure lasted "about six seconds".

Later, when the negative was developed, the image of the ghost was revealed. The account of their experience, including the photograph of the apparition, was published in *Country Life* magazine on December 26, 1936. The picture went

THE RETURN OF FREDDY JACKSON

global and even today is still hailed as one of the greatest examples of spirit photography on record.

Harry Price, the noted paranormal investigator, interviewed Provand and Shira and stated:

I will say at once I was impressed. I was told a perfectly simple story: Mr. Indre Shira saw the apparition descending the stairs at the precise moment when Captain Provand's head was under the black cloth. A shout – and the cap was off and the flashbulb fired, with the results which we now see. I could not shake their story, and I had no right to disbelieve them. Only collusion between the two men would account for the ghost if it were a fake. The negative is entirely innocent of any faking.

In recent years, the photograph has been re-examined and serious doubts have been raised regarding its authenticity. It's claimed that the photograph shows evidence of double exposure, especially on the stair-treads and banisters. Some have even gone as far as to state that the picture is a deliberate hoax orchestrated by Provand and Shira in order to gain notoriety. They suggest that the figure resembles a statue of the Virgin Mary and believe that it was added to the original negative after the pair had left the Hall.

Supporters of the photograph reject this and say that independent researchers at the time regarded the negative as genuine and certainly not the product of any trickery. They also cite a declaration from a chemist, Mr Jones, who saw the negative being fixed:

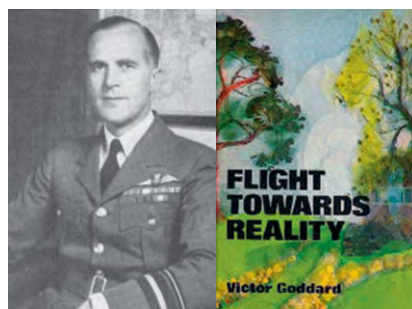
I saw the negative of the Oak (sic) staircase at Raynham Hall, in the hypo bath in your dark room immediately after it had been taken by Captain Provand from the developer. I am satisfied that the ethereal figure on the staircase was there when the film was being fixed.

So is the photograph a fake or a genuine example of spirit photography?

It was 1919 and the Royal Navy Air Service, later the Fleet Air Arm, was based at Lee-on-Solent (now RAF Cranwell) in Hampshire. Men and women from HMS Daedalus, a training facility, were brought together for a squadron group photograph before being disbanded.

Sir Victor Goddard, KCB, CBE, wrote of the affair in his book *Flight Towards Reality*:

I have a photograph in front of me, taken at Cranwell officially by Bassano's at the time of Armistice after the First World War. It shows a group of airmen, airwomen and officers, some hundreds of them, in various uniforms, RNAS and Army, RFC and RAF, ATS and Women's Naval Service, all my contemporaries and one my friend. The photograph is typical of all the chaos of transition from the two old separate Services, into the Royal Air Force, which then was still quite new and unfamiliar. The RAF had not by then been lifted up into its corporate consciousness of entity and destiny.



The Squadron, of which the photograph was taken, had no future; it was to be disbanded and almost everyone then photographed was also in transition back to that less authoritarian life which they called "Civvy Street."

But one was otherwise.

When the group photograph was put up on the notice board so that those who wanted copies could write their names below, those who scanned the photograph identifying friends then saw – or they were prompted then to see – the face of Freddy Jackson, air mechanic, in the topmost row. Capless and smiling, his face being partly hidden by another, his expression seemed to say, "My goodness me – I nearly failed to make it! ... They didn't wait, or leave a place for me, the blighters!"

Well, there he was, and no mistake, although a little fainter than the rest. Indeed he looked as though he was not altogether there; not really with the group, for he alone was capless, smiling, all the rest were serious and set and wearing service caps. Most had not long returned from Church Parade and marching in a military funeral. For Freddy Jackson had, upon that very spot – the Squadron tarmac – three days before, walked heedlessly into the whirling propeller of an aeroplane. He had been killed stone dead instantly. He, evidently, was still quite unaware of it.

No, that is not a very rare event. There have been several of such unsought records brought into my experience. What is somewhat unusual, to say the least, is the official

photograph, and some two hundred witnesses who knew; also the certainty that there had been no hanky-panky in the dark room. Not only would Bassano's not have dared to fake it; the negative was scrutinized for faking and was found to be untouched.

Sceptics claim that this photograph is yet another example of double exposure and can be put down to a case of mistaken identity. However, they choose to ignore a very simple and important fact – airmen in the photograph swore that they recognised the face as being that of Freddy Jackson, peering over the shoulder of a comrade (see enlargement below). And why is the ghostly figure the only one without a cap?

Freddy had been buried on the very day that his former colleagues found themselves standing before the official Bassano's photographer for a final squadron portrait.

So did a dead man make one last journey to rejoin his friends and colleagues before they all went their separate ways? You decide!



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We have five copies of Doris Collins' *A Woman of Spirit* and *Positive Forces* together in one volume to give away as prizes in this month's sudoku competition.

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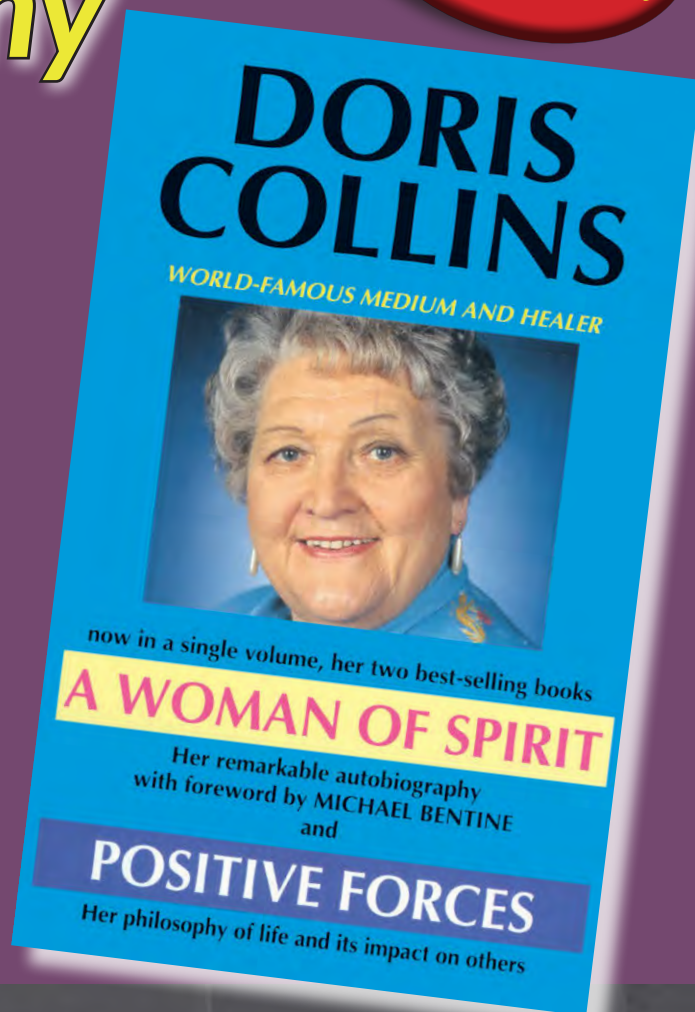
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Photo: Frankie Howerd, Doris Collins and Michael Bentine

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FAMOUS AUTHOR (NATURAL PSYCHIC) ASSASSINATION OF K But President brushed off her repeated warnings

BEST-SELLING novelist Taylor Caldwell has a remarkable psychic story to tell. It concerns at least two of her books and some of her startling predictions. She "saw" in detail Kennedy's assassination five months before it occurred and told him of her vision. He ignored it, though she repeated her warning.

Miss Caldwell made public her prophecy by publishing it in an American newspaper weeks before it occurred. It was treated sceptically, as did other newspapers which reprinted her story.

Psychic News approached Miss Caldwell in America because of an item in a South African newspaper. This stated that her book, "The Earth Is The Lord's", featuring Genghis Khan, the notorious 12-century Mongol conqueror, was written "under spirit guidance".

It added that she affirmed she "had no knowledge of the period and had not done a hand's turn of research into the subject." This Miss Caldwell dismisses as "somewhat garbled" and sends the true story.

It begins when she and her husband were crossing the Mojave Desert (then known as the Arizona Desert) and followed by crossing others in Utah and California. For no apparent reason she suddenly found herself thinking about Genghis Khan. At that moment she recalled him briefly as a most unpleasant character she had read about in history books in her childhood.

Vague memories

In the 30 years that had passed she had never once thought of Genghis Khan, neither had she read anything about him. Nothing else could she recall, the colour of his skin, or where he had been born. It was just his name that flashed into her mind. Vaguely she associated it with a desert or something like it. For a moment or two she even thought he might be connected with Russia.

Later, in California, they met the superintendent of a light and power company. He took them to his lodge on the new Lake Mead which had been artificially created by the Hoover Dam diverting the waters of the river.

There they were out in the desert again, except for an enormous blue lake like metal in the very centre of its purple and yellow expanse. The hills



TAYLOR CALDWELL
"I thought everyone saw and heard what I did."

all about it were a bright stony red, with not a single thing growing on them. Again without warning she thought of Genghis Khan, but this time very urgently.

The next day their host drove them through the desert where they saw the Lake of Fools, a mirage which has been photographed. It can be seen only at twilight and for just half an hour. She describes the mirage as "an immense dark purple lake, outlined with boulders and filled with silvery purple water whose waves can actually be seen breaking on the yellow shore."

This awesome, unforgettable spectacle has, she says, never been explained though it has been photographed in colour when the sun goes down. Again the thought of Genghis Khan came to her—the lake is incorporated in her novel. "Then Genghis Khan began to obsess my mind," she says. "I don't know why, during the six weeks or so we were in Hollywood."

She sought for books on him, but there was none to be found though they searched libraries and all kinds of bookshops. Miss Caldwell began to think of him as a kind of mythological character. When they

returned home she made inquiries of history experts and searched again all over for books about him, but without success.

Turning to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" she found a brief sketch saying that he was a Mongol who lived in tents and conquered China when he was a man. Despairing of finding anything more "meaty", she gave up the idea of writing about him — "but then he haunted my mind more insistently than ever."

Orient held no appeal

Miss Caldwell gives her background, born in Prestwich, Manchester, of Scots and Irish ancestry, and comments, "No character more alien to a British spirit can be found than Genghis Khan." And especially one that would not appeal to her, daughter of a former artist on the very radical "Manchester Guardian".

She has never cared for the Orient or studied it. It did not attract her and she has never visited it.

In any event she found herself writing about Genghis Khan and even somehow knowing his real given name. "How I knew it I do not know and still don't know," she says. She began to have dreams about the Gobi Desert and seeing the yaks and the black, round, felt tents of the Mongols. She invented names for the parents of Genghis Khan, for his wife and his paladins.

Miss Caldwell had half-finished the book when uneasiness came to her that probably there was someone in the world somewhere who knew about Genghis Khan. Another search revealed that a book had been written about him by she thinks someone named Ralph Fox, but she cannot now remember if that is the right name.

Everything was correct

Anyway, her husband found it months later, the only book on him they ever discovered, in an old back-street shop in New York City. Eagerly Miss Caldwell read it.

"To my amazement," she says, "everything I had written about Genghis Khan, his real name, the names of his family, his brother, wife, his paladins, and so on, was all true. And I had not read Fox's book about him until my own was half-finished. I have no explanation."

Then she began to recall her many "strange" experiences

The assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States of America, in Dallas on Friday, November 22, 1963, was foreseen by two prominent individuals.

Taylor Caldwell was a prolific author of popular fiction and Jeane Dixon an astrologer and seer.

Both warned Kennedy that he was in danger, and newspapers carried reports of their predictions just weeks before Kennedy was shot and killed in Texas.

FORESAW KENNEDY

since she was 11 months old. An outstanding one occurred in connection with a best-selling novel she wrote during World War II about Paris in a book she called "The Arm and the Darkness."

She had never been in Paris, or even in France, or anywhere else on the Continent. With her parents she had left England when she was aged six. Nevertheless her descriptions of Paris and all the background of the book were so authentic that the famous writer, Pierre Van Paassen, whom she had never met but to whom she dedicated the book, wrote to say that it made him homesick for Paris with her descriptions.

By a curious coincidence, if such it be, she came across letters he wrote her on the very day she sent this account to *Psychic News*. Paassen had since passed on. She had forgotten she had his letters, for it is over 23 years since they corresponded.

From what Miss Caldwell relates, it is obvious that she is a born psychic. Her paternal grandmother, an Irishwoman after whom she is named, often told her as a child that she "was fey".

"I have many prophetic dreams which always come



PRESIDENT KENNEDY
If only he had paid heed . . .

true," she adds. In June, 1963, she dreamt she was looking at the television set in their lounge room. She "saw" President Kennedy murdered and watched him falling to his left. Her vision was in colour, because he wore a medium grey suit, striped tie and was hatless.

So intense was the dream that on awakening she ran downstairs to the dining room where the cook was serving her husband's breakfast, and cried, "The President has been murdered just now by a Communist!" It was so real that she was sure it had actually happened. Indeed, she went into the lounge to turn on the television set and could not believe her eyes be-

cause the usual programmes were in operation.

In great despair, recognising the dream as a prophetic one, she wrote immediately to President Kennedy warning him of impending murder by a Communist. They had already been in correspondence. "He wrote me gracious and soothing letters in reply," she says. She continued writing to him up to within three weeks of his murder.

Warning was published

As he would not take her seriously, she finally wrote an article for "The Wanderer", a newspaper published in St. Paul, Minnesota, in which she referred to the probable assassination as happening very shortly. This was published in October 1963 "with a gentle and indulgent raising of eyebrows." The article was headed, "President Kennedy in Danger?" Other newspapers took it up and were equally amused. The following month Kennedy was killed exactly as she had seen it in her vision five months earlier.

During those months, she told many friends about her dream. Because so many newspapers had featured her prophecy the Secret Service came to see her. "How did I know?" she asks. "I don't know. It is one of thousands of other similar predictions."

So regular are they that each year she writes on December 31 her forecasts for the coming 12 months. She found that on

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December 31, 1962, she recorded that Kennedy would be in "great danger" during the coming autumn.

A year ago she wrote that Khrushchev would disappear from the national scene before the end of 1964. He did. As for forecasting earthquakes this has happened scores of times.

Here it is worth recording an extraordinary happening. Miss Caldwell mentions that in the prophecy she wrote on December 31, 1964, she included these words, "a great

British statesman will die." Her letter arrived at our office on January 19 and included the words, "I don't know his name, of course, but look for it." Sir Winston Churchill passed on January 24.

It is certainly worth mentioning her last two paragraphs: "I could fill a large book with many similar things and with dreams which have happened to me. As a Catholic I am not supposed to 'fortune tell', for the Church severely is against it. Anyway it is not exactly 'fortune telling', is it? Prophecy is outside that."

Miss Caldwell is so completely

unfamiliar with psychic literature that she asks us to recommend psychic books.

She would like to know more "about a subject that so engrosses me, about which no one else here seems interested." She learned early and painfully, when she came as a child to America, to stop telling people "what I 'saw' and 'heard' because I was ridiculed by schoolmates and admonished by teachers. I thought everyone saw and heard what I did. So I have kept things to myself ever since except for my husband."

Kennedy assassination was Clairvoyant predicted this fate in 1956—it was printed in America

THE assassination of President Kennedy was foretold by a clairvoyant. Her prediction was made as long ago as 1956. It was printed again in last month's issue of "Fate", the American psychic magazine, when it featured the astonishing psychic powers of Jeane Dixon, described as "Washington's wealthy amateur soothsayer."

It described how she had also foretold to Franklin Roosevelt, when President, and at his own request, the date of his death: predicted the passing of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld and correctly forecast the result of every presidential election in the last 20 years.

Election result foreshadowed

The article in "Fate" was condensed from a book, "The Door to the Future," by Jess Stearn, a well-known American journalist. He revealed that her prediction concerning Kennedy was first published in an American magazine "Parade".

A reporter had asked her to forecast the results of the 1960 presidential election. She answered: "It will be dominated by labor and won by a Democrat. But he will be assassinated or die in office, though not necessarily in his first term."

When this issue of "Fate" magazine arrived at Psychic News, we saw its reference to the Kennedy assassination and decided that it was not fitting to reprint it.

Stearn says he heard of Jeane Dixon's reputation, as "the Capitol Seer", long before he met her. In Washington, where she lives, she conducts a profitable real estate business.

Lone voice in Washington

Before the 1960 election, says Stearn, she confided to friends that though Nixon would get votes, he would not become President. This indeed was a startling forecast.

Earlier in 1948, "when Capitol status-seekers were scratching the Trumans off their guest lists, hers was the lone voice predicting a Truman victory." Moreover, says the journalist, her forecast was printed in Washington newspapers before the event.

It was because of her long list of successful predictions, ranging from the war in Korea to the partition of India, that Roosevelt, no stranger to psychic matters, asked her to call on him at the White House and saw her alone in a closed-door session. It was during the war

One of the first things she told him was, "If you can make the Russians understand we are their friends it will save much trouble for us all later on." Roosevelt replied, "I've had a feeling about Russia for some time now, something I feel quite strongly."

Glancing up with a smile, he asked: "Would you call that being psychic? This feeling tells me that the Russians will never want to bomb us. It tells me

HOW IT APPEARED LAST MONTH

JEANE DIXON — the Capital Seer — Washington's wealthy, amateur soothsayer who accurately predicted the date of Franklin Roosevelt's death at his own request in a closed-door session at the White House, apparently has predicted the death or assassination of President Kennedy.

Perhaps unfortunately for the President, Mrs. Dixon has a record of dread accuracy in predicting disasters for world leaders. She foresaw the deaths of Supreme Court Justice Frank Murphy and of United Nations Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjöld, both in the midst of life, and they died as she anticipated. And, of course, she gave President Franklin Roosevelt a never-before-revealed reading at his request.

The Kennedy prophecy is an inference based on a 1956 prediction of Mrs. Dixon's first published by *Parade* magazine. The reporter had asked Mrs. Dixon to forecast the results of the 1960 Presidential elections, and this was the answer: "As for the 1960 election . . . it will be dominated by labor and won by a Democrat. *But he will be assassinated or die in office, though not necessarily in his first term.*" The italics are mine.

The first three paragraphs, in the October "Fate" article.

that our great trouble one day will be with another ally — of both ours and Russia."

"Do you mean China?" she asked. He nodded in agreement. After a pause, Roosevelt said: "It is important to finish the things we start in this life. But as a rule man doesn't live long enough to complete the work so important to him."

Roosevelt's question

There came another silence as the President toyed with an ornament on his desk. Then, in a matter-of-fact tone he asked, "Tell me, how much time do I have to get my work done?" Jeane Dixon reached for the President's hand. Then, weigh-

ing her words carefully, she answered very slowly, "If I were in your place I would try to get everything done as quickly as possible."

Roosevelt smiled. "Can you be a little more definite?" he asked. Crisply she replied, "Not longer than the middle of the coming year."

This answer made him ponder. After a few moments he said: "I understand. I had been hoping for more time." Jeane Dixon released the President's hand and asked if there were any other questions.

With another smile he patted her hand and said, "You have told me all I need to know." Just before she left he said, "Thank you for coming, and God

foretold

bless you." The 20-minute interview was over. Her forecast came true.

Jess Stearn reveals that her prediction about Dag Hammerskjold was fulfilled during the time when he was interviewing her. For weeks she had urged her friends not to travel in an aeroplane with Hammerskjold.

Warned two weeks before

On the day when newspapers reported the aeroplane disaster in which he was killed, Stearn interviewed the vice-president of the American Security Trust Company, a man named Nicholson. He did so because Nicholson was said to know witnesses who could attest to the fact that Mrs. Dixon had made this forecast. The vice-president stated that she had told him not to travel in an aeroplane with Hammerskjold a fortnight before the disaster.

Though Mrs. Dixon uses a crystal for her predictions, she obtains her forecasts just as well by communing silently alone or by glancing at people. Her visions appear whether she is tense or perfectly relaxed.

TV forecasts fulfilled

Once, sitting under a dryer in a Hollywood beauty parlour, a lovely actress in the next chair mentioned casually that she was preparing to fly across the continent. Mrs. Dixon was impelled to reach out a restraining hand and to plead, "Don't make that trip." A few days later, the aeroplane crashed in the mountains and Carole Lombard, film star wife of Clark Gable, was killed.

Jeane Dixon made some remarkable predictions when she appeared on a national television programme in 1955 with Joseph Davies, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia. They were discussing the recent rise to power of Stalin's successor, Malenkov.

Expert proved wrong

Patronisingly Davies asked how long Malenkov would lead Russia. Gazing into her crystal Jeane Dixon replied, "He will be Premier for less than two years and then he will be removed."

With a broad smile, the Ambassador told her: "No Russian chief of state is ever replaced. He either dies, like Stalin, or is shot."

Davies added that he happened to know something about

this subject — he was regarded as one of the leading authorities on Stalin's Russia — and mentioned that he had written a book about it.

Mrs. Dixon stood her ground. "I still see Malenkov being replaced," she said. "His replacement will be a portly military man with wavy hair, green eyes and a goatee."

This made Davies snort. "I've

been in Russia for years," he said. "I never saw a Russian who looked like that." "That is what I see," was her retort.

Then, gazing into her crystal, her face became grim. Her eyes burned with a new intensity and words streamed out. Seemingly oblivious of the studio audience, she said: "I see a silver ball spinning into space, coming out of the East, which leads me to believe that Russia will be the first to put a satellite into orbit."

"And I see the ball changing into a dove, then sinking its claws into the scalp of a completely bald man, but not drawing blood. And then, it looks to the East, meaning that someday Russia will determine the peace."

PRESIDENT HAD PREMONITION?

DID Kennedy have a premonition of his death? This question was asked by James Reston, a well-known American political commentator, in the "New York Times" on Saturday.

Last June, he says, when the Civil Rights riots were at their height, with passions flaring, Kennedy addressed representatives of national organisations. After debating the problems that confronted him on every side, he astonished his listeners.

He suddenly ended his talk, took from his pocket a piece of paper and read from it the famous speech of *Blanch of Spain* in Shakespeare's "King John":

The sun's o'ercast with blood:
fair day, adieu!
Which is the side that I must
go withal?
I am with both; each army hath
a hand;
And in their rage, I having hold
of both,
They whirl asunder and dis-
member me.

Space vision comes true

When she stopped there was an awkward silence. Twenty-three months after this TV appearance, Malenkov was replaced by Marshal Bulganin, a portly, green-eyed military man with a goatee. And in 1957 the Russians put the first sputnik into orbit.

It is no wonder, records Stearn, that foreign ambassadors have sought appointments with her for their rulers. He mentions that Churchill has been among her sitters.

No other member of her family or her ancestors, so far as she knows, has been psychic. She is a very religious woman who goes to mass daily. "The Bible says that all events are foreshadowed," she said. "I'm

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only the means of communication and I must keep that communication line clear."

Mrs. Dixon, who refuses to take any money for her psychic sessions, regards them with great seriousness. "The difference between extra-sensory perception and spiritual prophecy is materialism," she said. "The more material you are the less clearly you see."

She has no patience with psychics who misuse their gift, nor will she respond to invitations from psychic researchers who wish to investigate her. "I have no interest in card tricks or gadgets that measure brain waves," she said, "or scientists who would make a science out of something they know nothing about."



Your Spiritual Art

This month we are showing the encaustic art of *Psychic News* reader Sarah Jane Keen from Warlingham, Surrey. As well as sharing her work, Sarah Jane (pictured right) reveals how spiritual healing has helped her recover from illness, and how she hopes her art will help others.

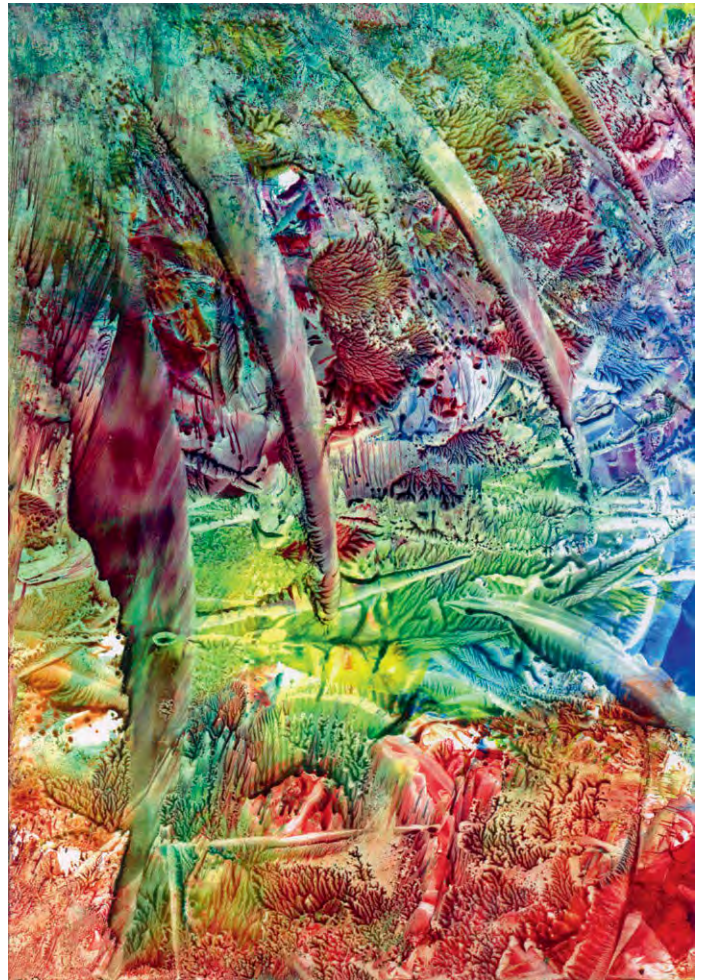


SPIRITUALLY INSPIRED ART TO RAISE YOUR VIBRATION

I joined my local Spiritualist Church just over 18 months ago. Since then my life has changed in so many ways.

I had to give up work last October due to bad health. After visiting Croydon Spiritualist Church for healing, I decided to start training as a healer myself. Since then, through meditation, prayer and spiritual healing, my health has improved almost completely and I am in a much happier place. I am so grateful to Spirit for leading me to the right books and information at the right time.

I was introduced to encaustic art through the church as a way of divination. I was amazed at the wonderful creations and how the pictures could be used for



giving readings. When sitting in meditation one day last November, the pictures came into my head and I made the decision to buy my own kit. I decided to paint pictures as Christmas gifts for my friends. I would meditate and ask Spirit to help me paint something individual for each of them, and I would think of that person as I worked.

Before I start a piece of work, through meditation I absorb colour and light from Spirit. This uplifting, peaceful energy then flows through me into my creation. My intent in creating this artwork is to send love, light and healing to you and all souls who share our planet.

Sarah Jane Keen

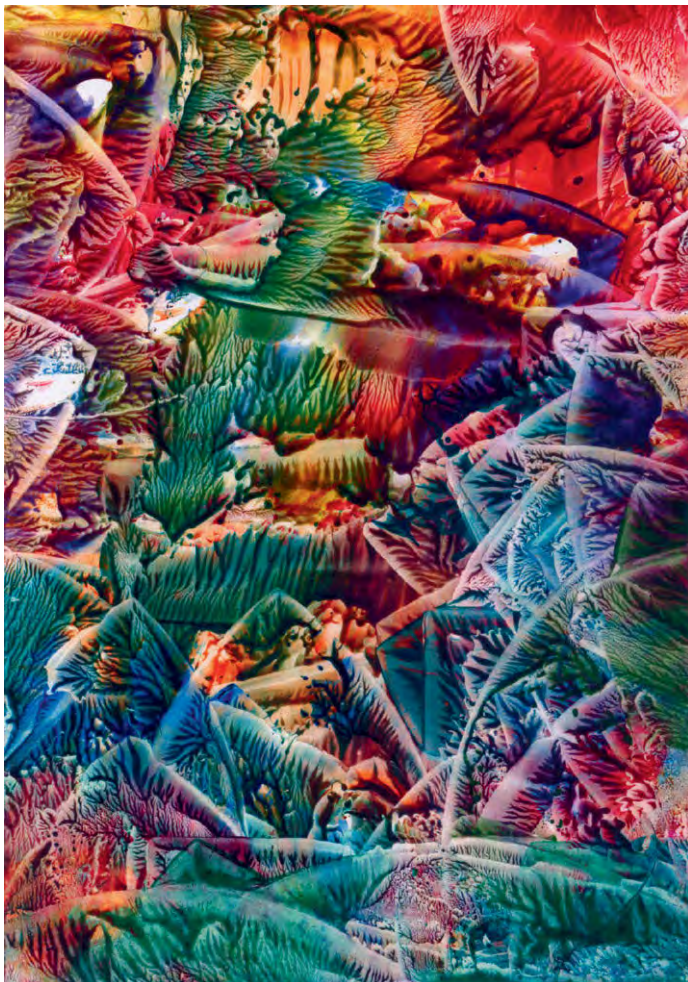
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WHAT IS ENCAUSTIC ART?

Encaustic painting – also known as ‘hot wax painting’ – is an ancient technique using coloured pigments added to beeswax and applied in layers to a surface using heat.

The word ‘encaustic’ comes from the Greek ‘enkaustikos’, meaning ‘to heat or burn in.’ Beeswax was used to caulk ship hulls in Greece; this gave rise to adding pigments to the wax in order to decorate the ships.

One famous example of this form of art being used – and the earliest surviving work – was the Fayum mummy portraits from Egypt, around 100 - 300 AD. Paintings of the ‘deceased’ were made as a memorial and placed over the person’s mummy.

The 20th century saw a major resurgence of interest in the technique, which was made much easier when

portable heating apparatus (irons, heat guns etc) became widely available.

Many spiritual artists include encaustic art in their work due to the etheric nature of the images that can be produced using the many vibrant and positive colours now easily purchased. Some artists use the process as a form of meditation, others use the end result to meditate on or with – as one would with a mandala or similar aid.

The great thing about encaustic art is that anyone of any artistic ability can try it and still get quite astonishing results. The materials are now very easy to obtain from your local craft shop or online, and there are many instructional videos on the internet to get you started with this fascinating art form.

Diary Dates

A selection of spiritual events taking place in the UK this month

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST

Joyful Mediumship Workshop with Chris Jacobs

10am - 4pm

Entry £35

At: The Old Red Lion, (Spiritual Sanctuary), Bailey Street, Castle Acre, NORFOLK PE32 2AG
www.spiritualflowevents.com

Email: steve@times8.com

or ring: 07932 012262

Enjoy and watch your mediumship unfold in a new light. Learn to trust and listen to your spirit as you enjoy the journey and explore the potential within you to be happy with who you are. Light refreshments will be provided during the day.

SAT & SUN 1ST & 2ND AUGUST

Find Your Voice - Transform Your Life Workshop with Chloe Goodchild

10:30am - 4:30pm each day

Entry £134

At: Birmingham Buddhist Centre, 11 Park Road, Moseley, Birmingham, WEST MIDLANDS B13 8AB

www.treeoflife-events.co.uk

Chloe Goodchild is an international singer and innovative educator. She is founder of The Naked Voice, and this weekend will be celebrating her new book. During the workshop Chloe will introduce you to 'the singing field', a sound meeting place where you will find your authentic voice using simple listening skills that will transform your life through the power of your own unique sound. Your naked voice is the sound of you. It's the muscle of your soul, the voice of your personal identity, authority and presence.

TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST

Soul Café

7:30pm - 10:00pm

Entry £5

At: Station Hotel, Castle Hill, Dudley, WEST MIDLANDS DY1 4RA

www.mindbodyspiritshows.com

The organiser's aim is to provide a friendly, warm and inviting atmosphere for you to explore and experience the events as a whole. Includes a mix of complementary therapies and healings, psychic and spiritual professionals, as well as retail stands covering all aspects of the mind body and spirit. It's a great opportunity to chat to various professionals (with no obligation) about how your life can be transformed with a fresh approach for a more natural and spiritual path to wellbeing.

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST

Open Evening at the College of Psychic Studies

5pm - 9pm ~ Tickets £20

At: 16 Queensberry Place, LONDON SW7 2EB

www.collegeofpsychicstudies.co.uk

The College of Psychic Studies invites you to join them at their summer 2015 open evening. For those of you who have never been to one of the college's open evenings, here's what to expect:

- 20-minute demonstrations and lectures by college tutors on a wide range of topics.
 - A 10-minute reading with an advanced student.
 - Free healing from the college's team of trained and experienced healers.
 - A delicious selection of food and drink in the Lecture Hall where you can relax, socialise and speak to the consultants, staff and trustees.
 - A popular crystal stall from college tutor Valerie Pitts.
 - A second-hand book stall for anyone who wishes to browse and chat to the very experienced archivist and librarian Leslie Price.
- Secure your place via the college's website (above) or call reception on 020 7589 3292.

SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST

Vegan Festival

10:30am - 4:30pm

Entry £2 (adults) £1 (children) under 5s go free

At: The Roxburghe Hotel, 38 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, SCOTLAND EH2 4HQ

www.veganfestival.co.uk

There will be a range of stalls including health food shops, local food producers, ethical clothing and gifts, cosmetics, a dedicated smoothie and juice stand, information stalls, animal sanctuaries, campaigners and more. There will also be a variety of speakers and screenings.

SUNDAY 9TH AUGUST

Embracing Spirit, Removing Self Workshop with Darren Brittain

10am - 4:30pm

Tickets £35 (£30 friends of MSDC)

At: Maidstone Spiritual Development Centre, Tovil Working Men's Club, Tovil, Maidstone, KENT ME15 6QS

Tel: 01622 746249

www.msdc.org.uk

Build and harness your psychic power and sensitivity. Learn to bring emotion into your connections, identify the needs of the Spirit World and learn to trust in what you receive.

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

Mind Body Spirit Event

10am - 4pm ~ Free entry

At: Assembly Rooms, Market Place, Swaffham, NORFOLK PE37 7QH

www.spiritualflowevents.com

Featuring 30 exhibitors offering massage, mediumship, healing, therapies, remedies and spiritual gifts. The organisers look to incorporate a complete spiritual experience that raises the energies and will always be on hand to answer questions.

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

Charity Psychic Night with June Harrison and Friends

6pm - 9:30pm ~ Tickets £12

At: TouchBase, 43 Middlesex Street, Kinning Park, GLASGOW G41 1EE

www.sensescotland.org.uk

A demonstration with June Harrison and friends. Private readings will be available (£15 for 10 minutes or £25 for 20). There will be a buffet, tea, coffee and raffle. The event will raise funds for Sense Scotland.

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST

Mind Body Spirit Fair

10am - 4pm ~ Entry £2

(accompanied under 16s go free)

At: Hall Garth Hotel, Brafferton Lane, Coatham Mundeville, Darlington, COUNTY DURHAM DL1 3LU

www.insightfairs.co.uk

Featuring a number of psychic readers offering one-to-one readings, therapists trained in reiki, healing and sports massage and many other disciplines plus traders selling a variety of interesting, useful and decorative items throughout the day.

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

Mind Body Spirit Exhibition

10am - 4pm ~ Free Entry

At: The Memorial Hall, 62 Norwich St, Dereham, NORFOLK NR19 1AD

www.spiritualflowevents.com

Enjoy 30 stalls featuring mediums, healers, therapies, remedies, crystals, and spiritual gifts plus delicious home-baked goodies.



SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST

Holistic Fayre

10am - 5pm

Entry by donation to charity

At: Guildhall, Market Place, Salisbury, WILTSHIRE SP1 1JH

www.salisburyfayre.moonfruit.com

Meet a wide range of exhibitors offering therapies, readings and products including shiatsu, tarot, reflexology, crystals and much more.

SAT & SUN 29TH & 30TH AUGUST

Mind Body & Spirit Event

10am - 5pm each day

Entry £5, concessions £4

(two-day passes available), under 15s go free

At: Elsecar Heritage Centre, Wath Road, Elsecar, Barnsley, SOUTH YORKSHIRE S74 8HJ

www.moonlitpathways.co.uk

There will be fourteen free talks and workshops throughout the weekend, plus a wide range of therapists, readers and trade stands. There will be a café with snacks, drinks and hot food within the show, plus free parking and a free treasure hunt for children with a prize for every child.

SAT & SUN 29TH & 30TH AUGUST

Mind, Body, Spirit & Psychic Weekend

10am - 5pm each day

Entry £3.50, concessions £3, (Two-day passes available)

under 16s go free

At: Whitby Pavilion, West Cliff, Whitby, NORTH YORKSHIRE YO21 3EN

www.whitelightevents.co.uk

There will be a range of holistic and spiritual stalls offering products such as tarot cards, art, books and herbal plants, as well as exhibitors offering reflexology, Indian head massage, healing and readings.

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Diary Dates

Forthcoming spiritual events taking place in the USA



FRI - MON 4TH - 7TH SEPTEMBER Balancing Yourself through the Chakras with Yoga, Tibetan 5 Rites and Reiki 1 Training

Admission \$731
At: Eastover Estate and Retreat,
430 East St, P.O.Box 2282, Lenox,
MASSACHUSETTS, MA 0124
<http://eastover.com/jeff-migdown-september.html>

Join Dr Jeff Migdown, Usui Reiki Master Teacher in this powerfully healing and revitalising course as you learn the practice of the Tibetan 5 Rites and become attuned in the original Usui Reiki I system. Experience the powerful health and rejuvenation benefits of the practices. Learn how they can fit your health needs. Explore practical ways to bring the Tibetan 5 Rites into your life and become part of your daily practice.

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER Psychic & Healing Arts Fair

10am - 6pm
Admission \$10
At: Temple of Light, 11 Goddard,
Irvine, CALIFORNIA, CA 92618
www.newearthevents.com
One of the regular New Earth Events in the county. Featuring a wide range of speakers and exhibitors.

WED - MON 9TH - 14TH SEPTEMBER Bhakti Fest West

Tickets \$80 - \$300
At: Joshua Tree Retreat Center,
59700, 29 Palms Hwy,
Joshua Tree, CALIFORNIA,
CA 92252

<http://west.bhaktifest.com>
Celebrate a devotional path that has its roots in yoga, kirtan and meditation. Embracing both ancient and modern sacred wisdom along with traditional spiritual practices, this festival is a vehicle for evolution of human consciousness through a heart-centered revolution.

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER Mind Body Spirit Festival

10am - 4pm ~ Admission \$5
At: Fairfield Community Center,
61 Water Street, Fairfield,
MAINE, ME 04937
www.mindbodyspiritfestival.org

Rejuvenate your mind, body and spirit with a range of workshops including reiki, aura photography, readings, energy healing, health and spiritual products and therapies. The organisers hold festivals throughout the year in various Maine locations, featuring holistic health practitioners, energy healers, psychics and mediums, herbs and organic products, metaphysical supplies, enlightening workshops and a whole lot more.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER Healing Arts Festival

10am - 5pm ~ Free admission
At: The Scottish Rite Center,
6151 H Street, Sacramento,
CALIFORNIA
<http://healingartsfestival.com>

The Healing Arts Festival is a place to explore and discover healing for body, mind and soul. The presentations will provide you with new information and insight, great exhibitors for all your conscious needs, and wonderful energy.

SAT - SUN 12TH - 13TH SEPTEMBER WholeExpo presents

**The Four Corners Showcase of
Holistic & Ecological Products,
Services & Seminars**

10am - 7pm (Sat)
10am - 5pm (Sun)
Admission \$5 (for both days),
\$2 for students with ID, Free for
children 12 and under and for
seniors 65 and over
At: Main Exhibit Hall, La Plata
County Fairgrounds, Durango,
COLORADO, CO 81301
www.wholeexpo.com

WholeExpo brings together individual businesses and services that promote healthy, holistic living and ecological awareness. This event features diverse threads of insight and knowledge with the purpose of creating a tapestry of body, spirit, mind, and planet consciousness.

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER Holistic Fair

12pm - 4pm
Admission \$5 or food donation
At: The Loop Banquet Facility,
161-B Woodford Avenue,
Plainville, CONNECTICUT,
CT 06062

www.yourholisticevents.com
This holistic fair will be offering free raffles, demonstrations, speakers and tastings. There will be over 35 vendors offering tarot cards, jewellery, reiki, organic products and much more.

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER Wellness & Metaphysical Fair

10am - 4pm
At: 3245 N. 124th Street,
Brookfield, WISCONSIN,
WI 53005
<http://spiritualenlightenment.me/events.html>

The fair will kick off with a benefit for multiple sclerosis. All proceeds will go to help families pay for medical bills that insurance won't pay. There will be a silent auction for you to bid on items donated from businesses in the area.

Join the organisers for a wonderful day of healing and enlightenment, helping the community and bringing awareness. Readers available will include mediums, clairvoyants, animal communicators and tarot.

There will also be healers present. Vendors will be selling crystals, jewellery, tea, books, oils and more. A healing circle and spirit message circle will take place between 2pm and 3pm. Visit the website for prices.

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER Autumn Goddess Retreat

10am - 6pm
Admission \$10
At: West Pikeland Cultural
Center, 1645 Art School Road,
Chester Springs, PENNSYLVANIA,
PA 19425
www.autumngoddessretreat.com

These festivals are celebrations of our inner divine essence and our deep connection with each other and with the Earth. Everyone is welcome.

Bring along a chair or blanket to enjoy the music, a drum if you would like to play along, and a yoga mat for classes. Enjoy live interactive music and dance performances, the Sacred Temple of the Red Tent, free workshops plus meet local practitioners, healers, crafters and artists.

There will be food for all diets, plus raffles and fundraising activities.

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER Arkansas Paranormal Expo

9am - 5pm
Admission \$5 (Children under 12
go free)
At: MacArthur Museum of
Arkansas Military History,
503 East Ninth Street, Little Rock,
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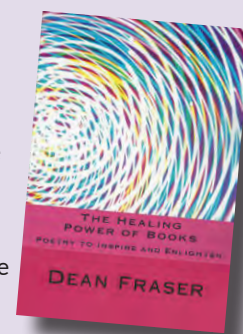
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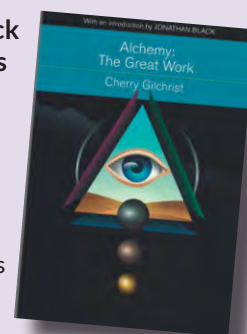
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Cherry Gilchrist wanted to be a writer from the age of four. While still at school, her work was published in a variety of places, ranging from teen magazines to the prestigious *Poetry Review*. After graduating from the University of Cambridge, diversity continued: she worked in publishing and at running a vintage clothes shop, while practising as an astrologer and bringing up two small children. She then settled down to authorship in the field of creative non-fiction, and has published steadily ever since. Her themes cover alchemy, inner traditions, family history, mythology, life stories, social history and Russian culture. Over the years, she has also become established as a lecturer and tutor, and currently teaches creative writing for the universities of Oxford and Exeter. Cherry loves travel, especially countries with rich cultural traditions; she has visited Russia many times, plus Easter Island, Burma and Uzbekistan. Every journey is an excuse for a book: see *Stories from the Silk Road* and *The Soul of Russia*. Cherry is married to artist Robert Lee-Wade, and they live in Exeter, Devon, UK.



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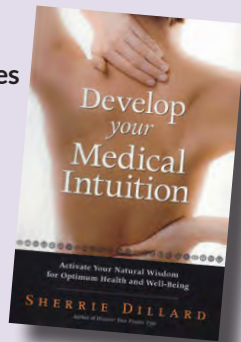
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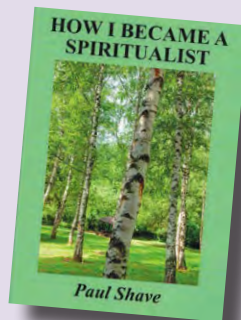


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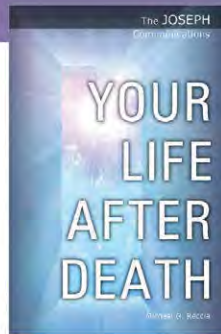
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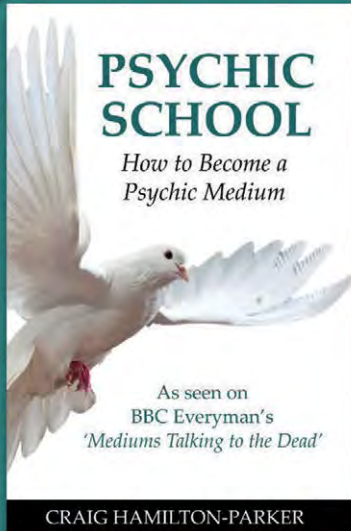
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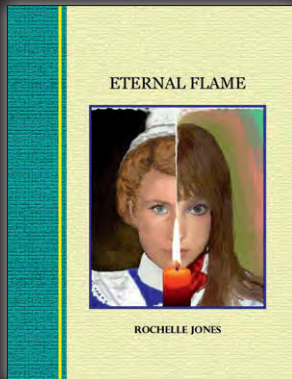
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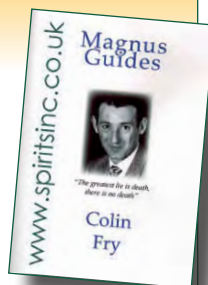
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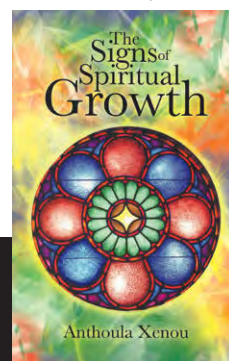
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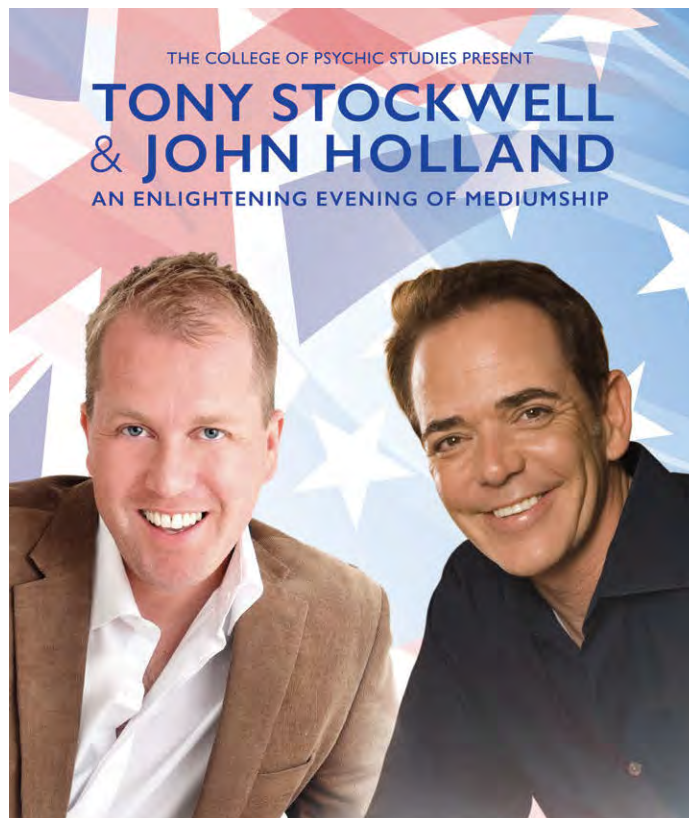
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Thursday

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